WELCOME~

SQUEAK

TO MY HIDEOUT.

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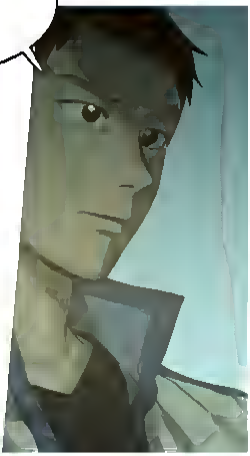
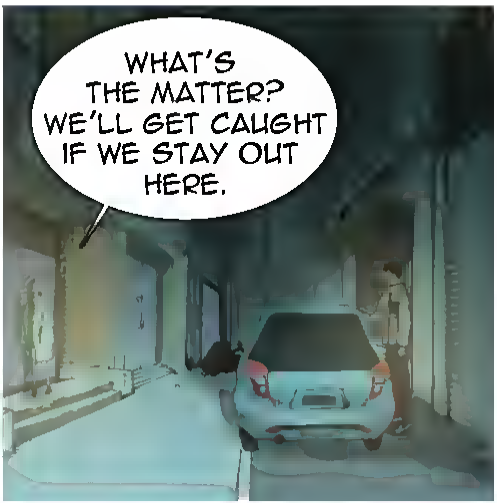
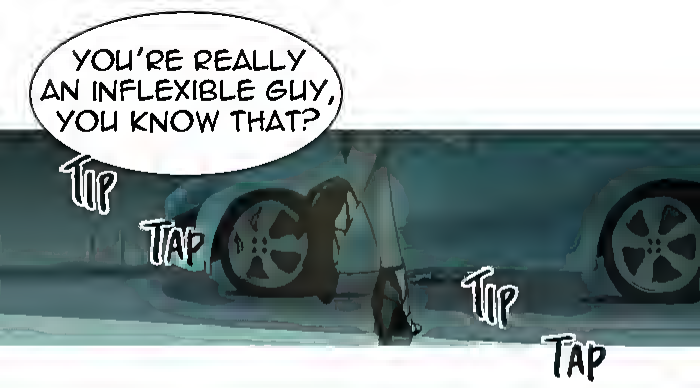


NO,
LET'S TALK HERE.

SQUEAK.


WHAT'S THE MATTER? WE'LL GET CAUGHT IF WE STAY OUT HERE.

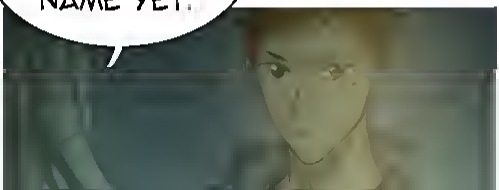
...I HAD NO CHOICE EARLIER. I CAN'T BE SURE WHERE WOULD BE SAFE NOW.
PHEW... YOU'RE STUBBORN.
PHEW—


YOU'RE REALLY AN INFLEXIBLE GUY, YOU KNOW THAT?
TIP
TAP
TIP
TAP

YOU HELPED ME OUT EARLIER AND I HELPED YOU IN RETURN, RIGHT?
TAP.
ISN'T THAT ENOUGH TO TRUST EACH OTHER?

YOU THINK TOO MUCH FOR YOUR AGE.

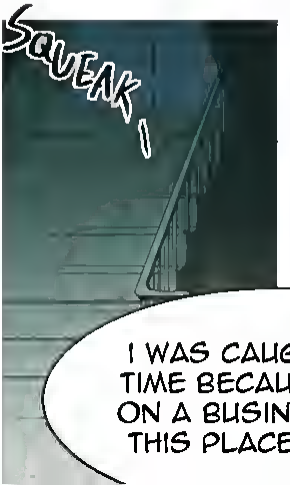
OH~ RIGHT, YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW MY NAME YET.



IF THAT'S THE CASE, I UNDERSTAND YOU.
SSH-
I'M MEG.

SATISFIED?

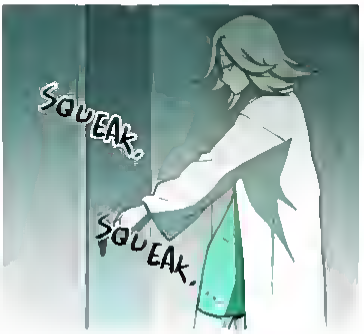
...I'M GAMIN SHIN.
THUD.

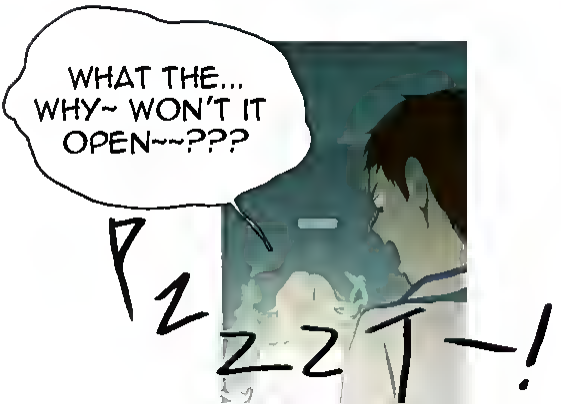

SQUEAK!
I WAS CAUGHT LAST TIME BECAUSE I WAS ON A BUSINESS TRIP. THIS PLACE IS SAFE.

TIP
TAP
TIP
ONLY THOSE WHO KNOW COME HERE.

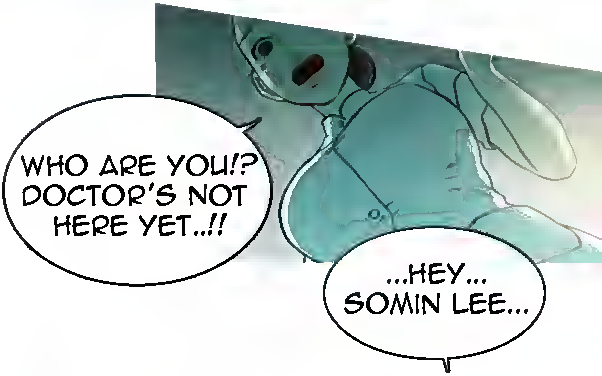
WE MAKE GOOD MONEY. JOIN US IF YOU CAN'T FIND A JOB.
EMM, NO THANKS... I'M GOOD.

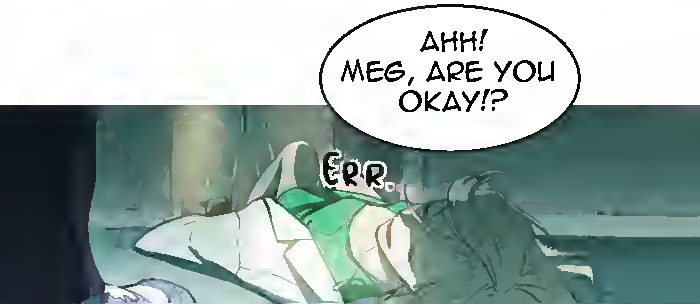
CLICK.
COME ON~ IT'S REALLY A NICE JOB.


SQUEAK.
SQUEAK.


WHAT THE... WHY~ WON'T IT OPEN~~???
PZZZT~!

HEY!?!?
CLICK
MEG-!?!?!
BANG!!
OOPS! YOU'RE NOT MEG!!
KYA


WHO ARE YOU!? DOCTOR'S NOT HERE YET..!!
...HEY... SOMIN LEE...

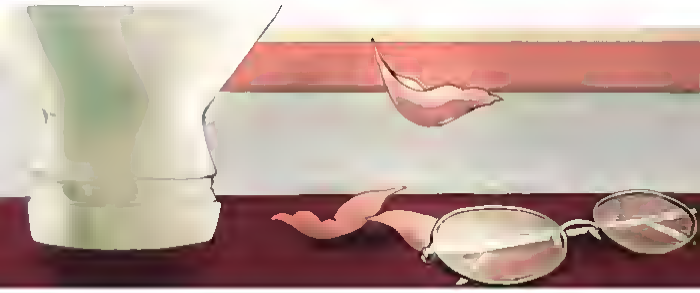

AHH! MEG, ARE YOU OKAY!?
ERR..

I'M FINE..

WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN..!?! YOU KNOW HOW TOUGH IT WAS WITHOUT YOU!?

...MAYBE I SHOULDN'T HAVE COME..??

SSH...

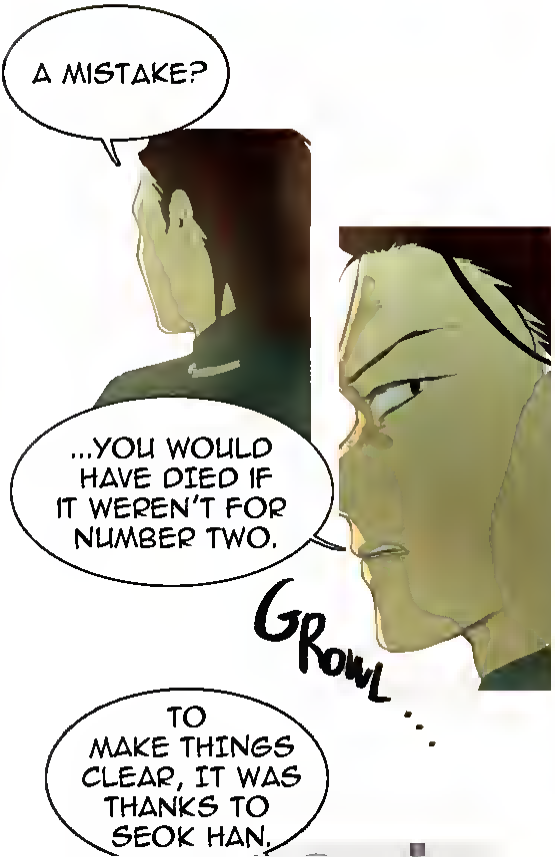


TAP.

...OOF.

YOU'RE UP.

...WHERE'S SURI?
SHE GOT AWAY.
...I GOT AGITATED AND MADE A MISTAKE AGAIN.
SSH.


A MISTAKE?
...YOU WOULD HAVE DIED IF IT WEREN'T FOR NUMBER TWO.
GROWL...
TO MAKE THINGS CLEAR, IT WAS THANKS TO SEOK HAN.

SQUEAK.

JERK.

CLANK.
IT WAS A MESS WHILE YOU WERE ASLEEP.
WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT STICK-UP WOULD HAVE MADE A FRIEND, RIGHT?
HMM.

IT'S FUNNY, ISN'T IT?
CLINK.
FRIEND? THAT'S RIDICULOUS.
THROB
THROB

ANYWAYS, WHAT ABOUT DAEHO AND HARDY?

IT'S GOTTEN QUITE BOTHERSOME.

BUT IT WAS HER MISTAKE.

THEY WILL ONLY LEAVE MORE TRACES BEHIND FOR US TO FIND.

...IT'S GONE.

DAMN IT. IT'S NOT EASY TO FIND ANOTHER ONE AROUND HERE.

..I'VE WORKED HERE FOR QUITE A WHILE.

-BUT I SHOULD QUIT NOW.

PANT
PANT

SSH-

I WORKED MY *SS OFF, SO YOU NEED TO PAY ME MORE!
YELL
YELL
PANT
SIGH

LINE Webtoon

COME ON IN~! YOU MAY SIT ON THE SOFA AND MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME!
CLINK
CLINK
UMM... OKAY...
RATTLE,
I'LL MAKE TEA!

HAHAHAHA I'M ALRIGHT! I'LL TAKE YOUR JACKET!

OOF...
L...LET ME TAKE IT OFF MYSELF!!
DRIP..
SO, YOU SAVED MY POT OF GOLD.. I MEAN, DOCTOR

THANK YOU SO MUCH..
TWINKLE

I WAS WORRIED THAT I WON'T BE ABLE TO AFFORD THAT NEW BAG... I MEAN, I WAS WORRIED ABOUT HER...
TWINKLE
TWINKLE

...THIS IS DRIVING ME CRAZY.

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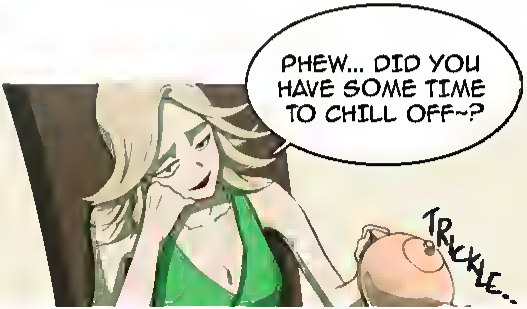
MY GOD~
IT FEELS SO GOOD
TO SHOWER~
SQU
EAK

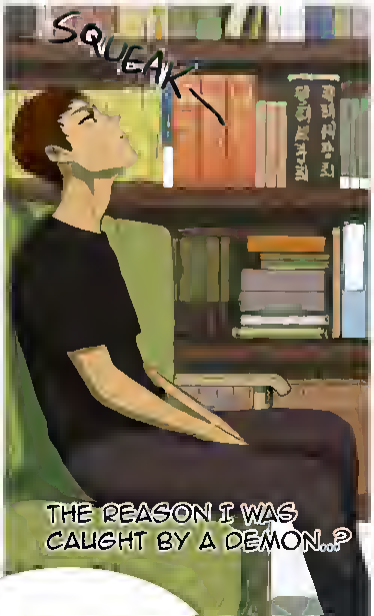
LET ME GIVE YOU SOME TEA, MEG.
FORGET IT, I'LL DO IT. YOU WILL SPILL EVERYTHING.
HAHAHA YOU WANNA DIE?


PHEW... DID YOU HAVE SOME TIME TO CHILL OFF~?
TRICKLE..

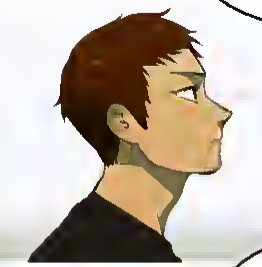
TELL ME EVERYTHING YOU KNOW.
DON'T LIE TO ME. I'LL KNOW IT ONCE I HEAR IT. SO, BE HONEST AND START TALKING~
THEN, I'LL BE HONEST AS WELL.

...WHAT SHOULD I TELL HER FIRST?

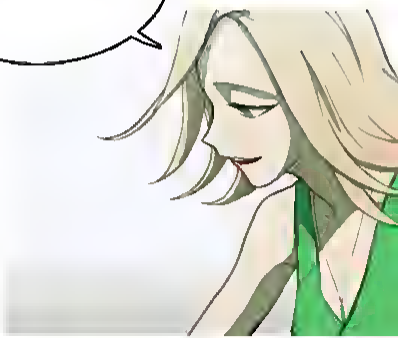
ABOUT IZZY JANG?


SQUEAK
THE REASON I WAS CAUGHT BY A DEMON..?

YEAH,
START WITH THAT.



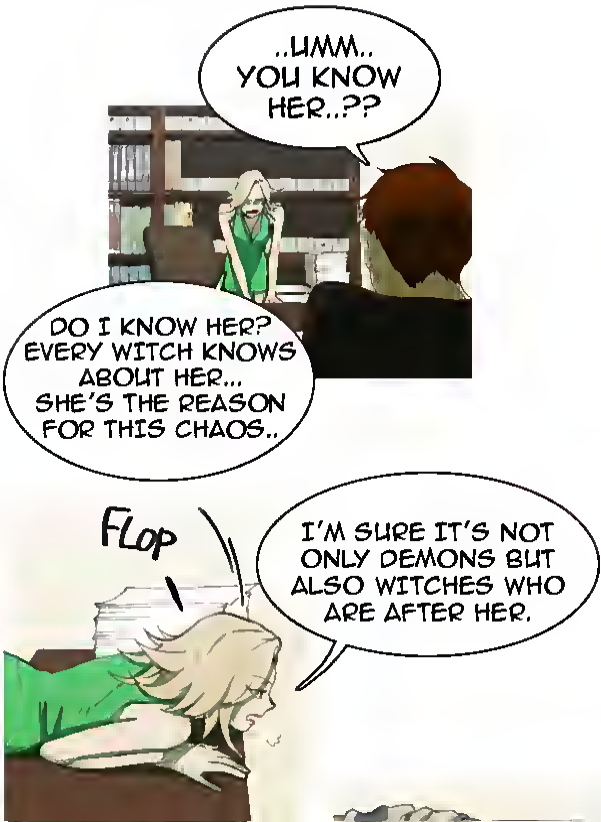
...OH, I CAN'T
READ MEMORIES.



...THE WITCH I KNOW SAID THAT THE DEMON WAS CHASING HER.
AND.. I HAPPENED TO SEE... A SUMMONED DEVIL... AND GOT INVOLVED WITH THAT WITCH...
I WAS BEING CHASED LIKE HER AS WELL THEY ARE AFTER THE WITCH
HMM... SO WHO IS THAT WITCH FOR YOU TO SPEAK LIKE THAT~?
HOO—

THE WITCH DIDN'T TELL YOU WHO SHE IS~?
I THOUGHT I KNEW BUT NOW I DON'T.
I THOUGHT THEY WERE AFTER THAT WITCH... BUT THE NAMES DON'T MATCH... THE WITCH I KNOW IS IZZY JANG...
SSH
BUT THE DEMON IS LOOKING FOR A WITCH NAMED "SURI".

BANG—!
SURI~~~!?!?!

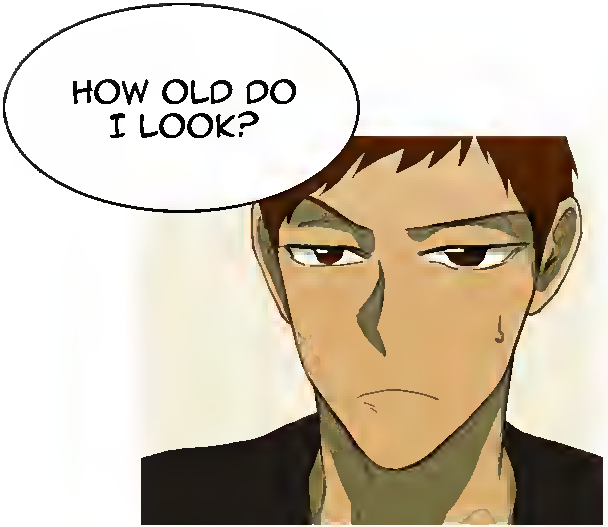

..UMM.. YOU KNOW HER..??
DO I KNOW HER? EVERY WITCH KNOWS ABOUT HER... SHE'S THE REASON FOR THIS CHAOS..
FLOP
I'M SURE IT'S NOT ONLY DEMONS BUT ALSO WITCHES WHO ARE AFTER HER.

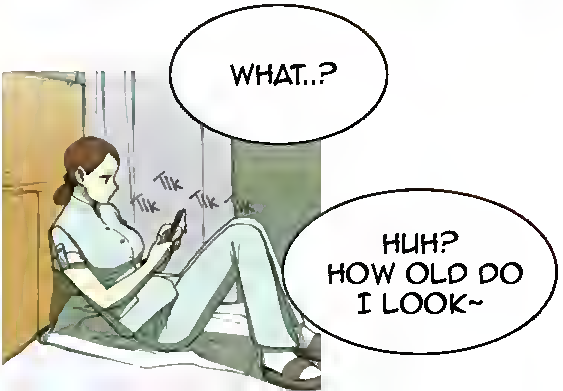
..I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS...

YOU'VE... STEPPED ON A MINEFIELD~~!!

HOW SHOULD I START THIS TO MAKE YOU UNDERSTAND? I GUESS I SHOULD START FROM THE VERY BEGINNING.

SSH-
I THOUGHT I ONLY HAD TO PERSUADE SOMIN LEE...
HMM...

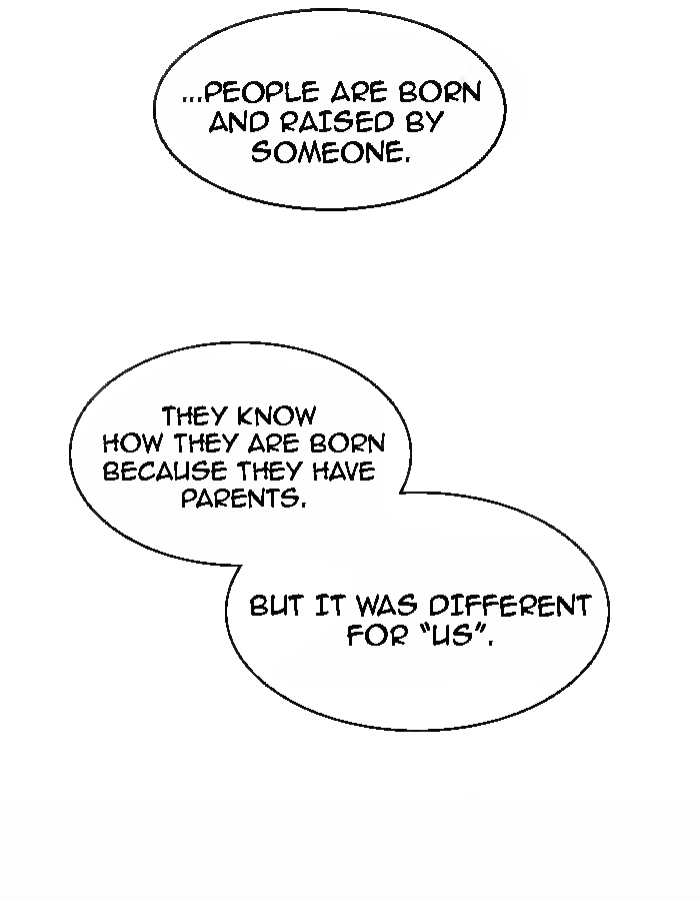

HOW OLD DO I LOOK?

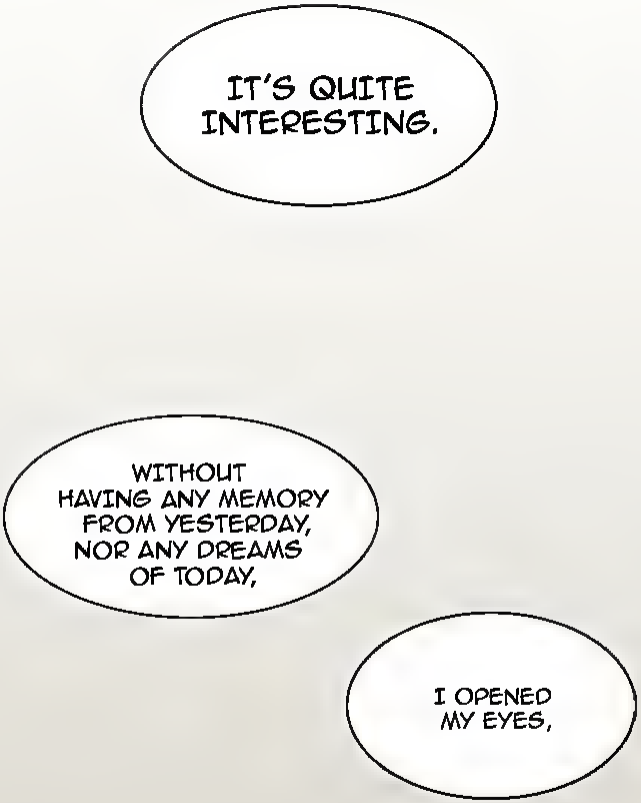

WHAT..?
Tik
Tik
Tik
Tik
HUH? HOW OLD DO I LOOK~

..MM...25..??
HA HA HAA—
NOT BAD~

I'M NOT SURE MYSELF~

I GAVE UP
KEEPING TRACK
AFTER A CENTURY.


...PEOPLE ARE BORN AND RAISED BY SOMEONE.
THEY KNOW HOW THEY ARE BORN BECAUSE THEY HAVE PARENTS.
BUT IT WAS DIFFERENT FOR "US".


IT'S QUITE INTERESTING.
WITHOUT HAVING ANY MEMORY FROM YESTERDAY, NOR ANY DREAMS OF TODAY,
I OPENED MY EYES,

SHOOSH.
AND SAW THE SKY.
SHOOSH..

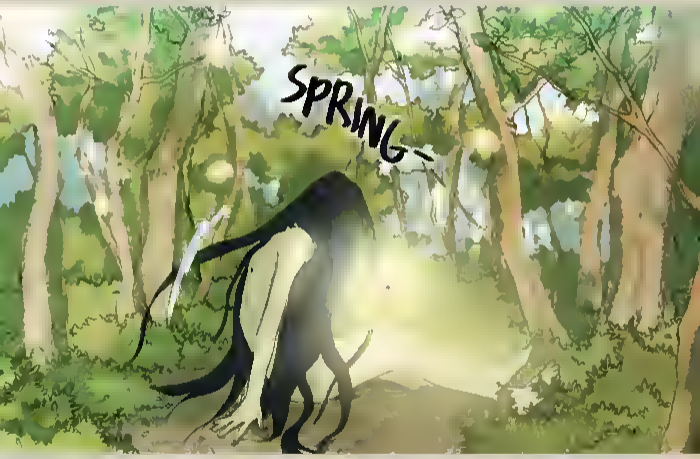
I JUST KNEW.
I KNEW THAT WAS THE SKY,
SHOOSH...

AND THIS WAS THE EARTH.
SHOOSH...
SHOOSH...

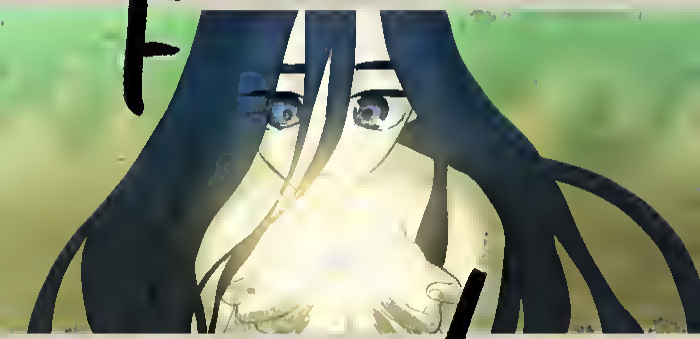
AND THIS WAS THE AIR THAT I BREATHE.
SHOOSH...
SHOOSH...
THE SOUND OF WIND.

SHOOSH...
THE BIRTH OF LIGHT.
SHOO

SH...


SPRING-

FLASH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WHAT...

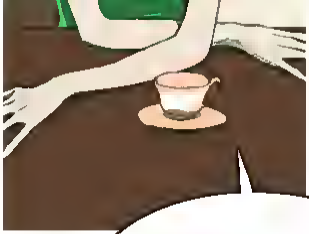
WE WERE NOT CONCEIVED FROM SOMEONE.

BUT WE WERE BORN IN BETWEEN PEOPLE'S WISH AND LONGINGS.
YOU KNOW, THINGS LIKE, "I DON'T WANT TO GET SICK," "WE WANT VICTORY AT WAR..."

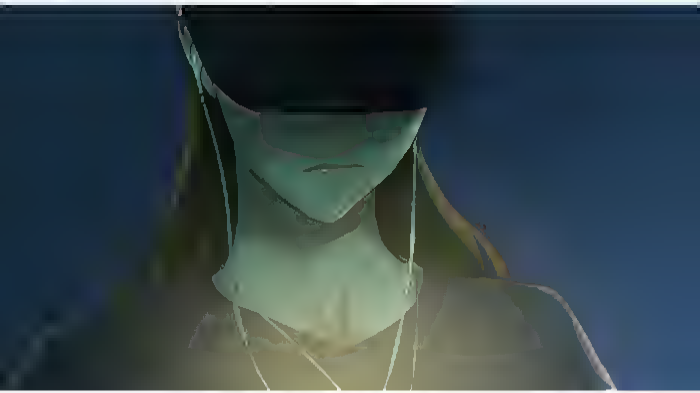
YAWN—
I HEAR IT ALL THE TIME AND IT'S ALWAYS BORING I'M GOING TO BED, MEG~

I SAW YOU PLAYING GAMES ALL THIS TIME.

...AMONG THESE WITCHES, STOOD A WITCH STRONGER THAN THE OTHERS,



AND THAT IS SURI.



IZZY, I'M ALMOST THERE.
SHOOSH
OKAY. I'M ON MY WAY, TOO.
I FINISHED RECON.
SHOOSH
OKAY~. I'LL KEEP HIM OCCUPIED.

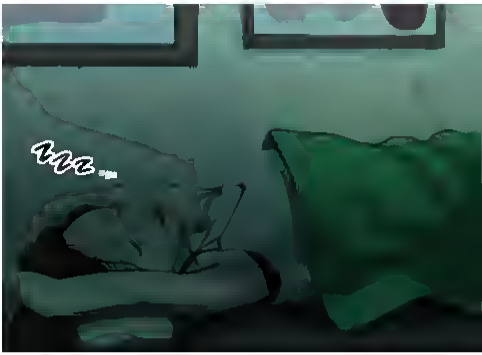
SSH..

THANK YOU.
SHOOSH...

LINE Webtoon

FLICKER
FLICKER

FLICKER—


Zzz...

FLICKER-
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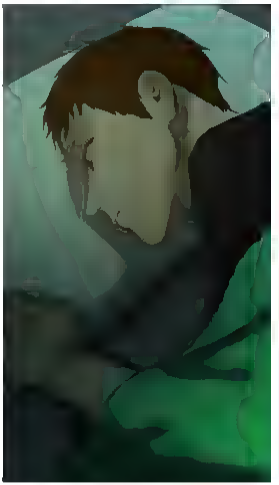
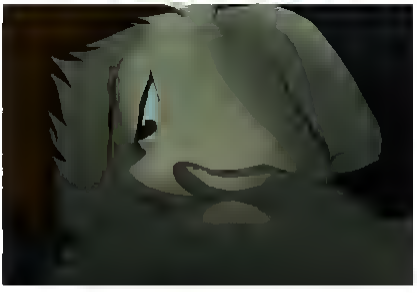
JUST LIKE HUMANS ARE BORN WITH DIFFERENT TALENTS, WITCHES DIFFER IN HOW THEY USE THEIR POWERS.



THAT'S BECAUSE WITCHES WERE BORN THROUGH DIFFERENT WISH AND LONGINGS.

SOME WERE MORE POWERFUL THAN THE OTHERS, AND THEY ALSO HAD THEIR OWN HIERARCHY...

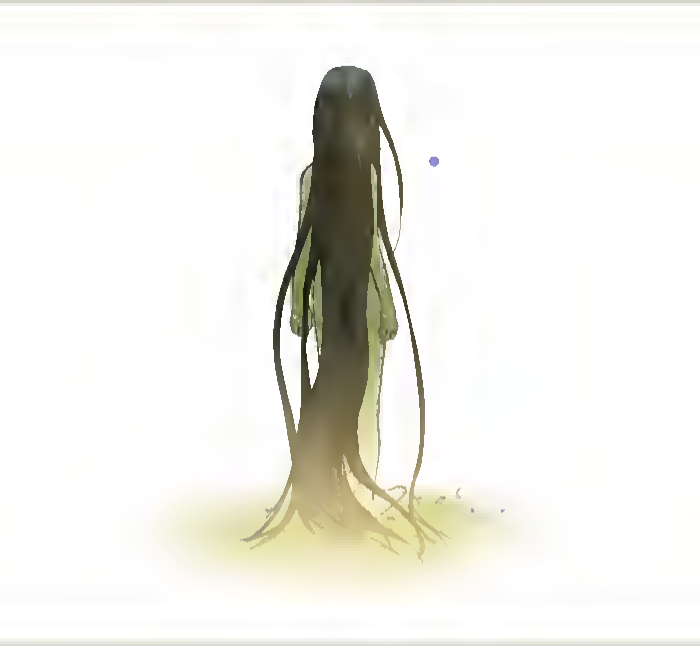


BUT THAT WASN'T THE ONLY POWER WITCHES HAD.

IT'S NOT A WELL-KNOWN FACT, BUT WITCHES CAN CREATE NEW POWER BY USING A CERTAIN METHOD.

THAT WAS TO CREATE "DEMONS".

AMONGST THE WITCHES,
SURI'S POWER WAS EXTRAORDINARY.



SHE CREATED MORE DEMONS
THAN NORMAL WITCHES COULD CREATE,
AND THEY WERE ODDLY STRONG.

BUT ONE DAY,
THEY DRIFTED APART.

NORMALLY, WHEN THAT HAPPENS, THE WITCH COULD JUST SEND BACK THE DEMON.

BUT SURI COULDN'T.

MY GUESS IS THAT THE DEMONS BECAME TOO STRONG.
SRR
AND THAT'S WHERE THE PROBLEM BEGAN–
FOR THE DEMONS TO MAINTAIN THEIR BODY, THE WITCHES HAVE TO MAINTAIN FOR THEM.

SPLASH
IF THEY DON'T, BOTH THE BODY AND THE CONTENT WILL VANISH.
SSH..
AND THOSE DEMONS WILL FIND OTHER WAYS TO MAINTAIN THEIR BODIES...

BY ABSORBING THE WITCHES' POWER DIRECTLY AND CREATING THEIR OWN BOWL.

SINCE THEN, THEY STARTED TO HUNT WITCHES.

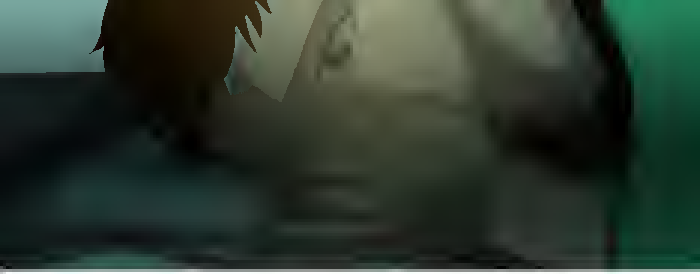
OTHER DEMONS WERE BEWITCHED BY THE IDEA THAT THEY DIDN'T NEED THE WITCHES ANYMORE TO LIVE ON, SO THEY STARTED TO BETRAY WITCHES.

NOW, THERE ARE BARELY ANY WITCHES THAT CONTROL DEMONS.
FLIP
DEMONS ARE STILL AFTER SUR
PROBABLY BECAUSE THERE IS
A PROBLEM WITH MAINTAINING
THEMSELVES BY AMENDING
THEIR BOWLS.

WHAT THEY WANT IS

A NEW BOWL,

OR PERHAPS...



POWER BEYOND THAT.

WHY ARE YOU STILL UP?

WHAT ABOUT YOU...?

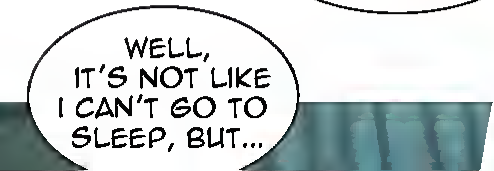
I ASKED YOU FIRST, SO YOU ANSWER ME.
...I'M SO CONFUSED.

HMM..
YOU, TOO, HAD A LOT GOING ON SO FAR~~

I UNDERSTAND WHY YOU CAN'T GO TO SLEEP EASILY AFTER WHAT HAPPENED TODAY~

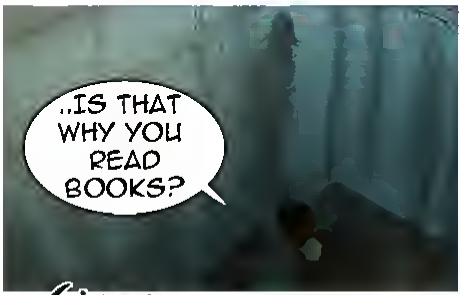
SQUEAK-

...YOU CAN'T GO TO SLEEP, EITHER?


WELL, IT'S NOT LIKE I CAN'T GO TO SLEEP, BUT...

SSH.
I SHOULD SAY I JUST CAN'T SLEEP...

TIP
I LIVED A LONG LIFE, AND IT'D BE BETTER IF I COULD GET SOME SLEEP, BUT I CAN'T~
TAP
TIP


..IS THAT WHY YOU READ BOOKS?
CLANK—

YUP. IT'S BETTER TO HAVE SOMETHING TO CONCENTRATE ON.

READING IS A GOOD WAY TO FOCUS.

WHEN I READ LITERARY BOOKS, IT FEELS LIKE I'M DREAMING.

DRINK THIS AND GET SOME SLEEP.

YOU NEED TO MAKE A DECISION TOMORROW.

SQUEAK

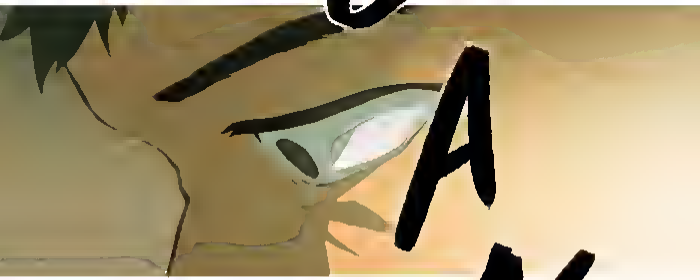
STUMP

STUMP

SEOK HAN...?
SSH.
SEOK HAN
1 NEW MESSAGE
OPEN

IS SOMETHING GOING ON?

CLANK.



DON'T MOVE.

LINE Webtoon

CLANK.

DON'T MOVE.

CLINK...

BANG—

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PSSH

CRACK
CRACK
STUPID GIRL.
KRA

YOU THINK THAT WILL WORK TWICE?
A
A
A

BANG!!

GROWWL...
WOW~!
PZZZT
WHAT A SHAME~!!

SWISH-

BANG!
...WHAT THE...

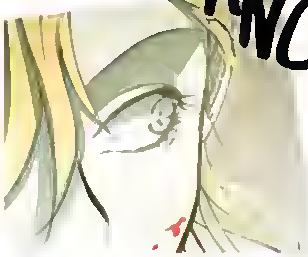
THAT'S NOT FAIR!
I WAITED FOR YOU!!

SWISH

Pow—!

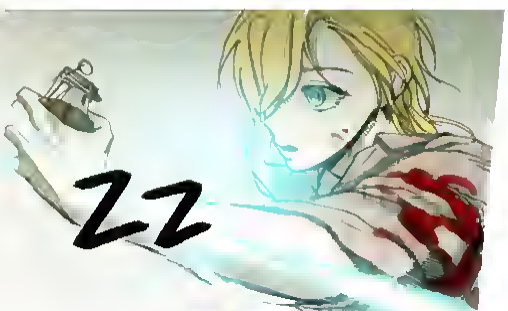
BANG.

GLANCE.



SNATCH.

PZ



ZZ

ZZT

CLUCK.
FLING

TAP.

TAP

TAP

TAP

TAP

TAP,

BANG!!
OOF!

THUMP.

PZZT.

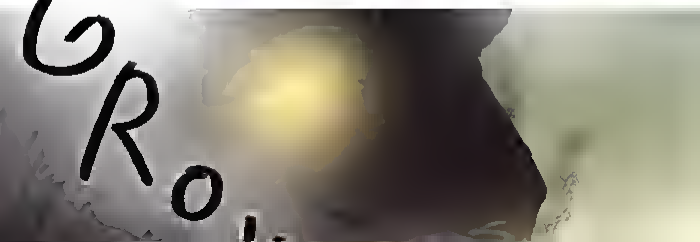
PSSSS.

PZZT.
PZZT~

PSSSH

GROWL...

IT'S NO USE...



YEAH,

I HAVEN'T FELT LIKE THIS IN A LONG TIME.

I REALLY

FEEL LIKE I'M ALIVE.

AT

BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG
TIK...

SSH
...SO, I CAN'T GET YOU ON THE OUTSIDE, HUH...?
CLONK.
PZ

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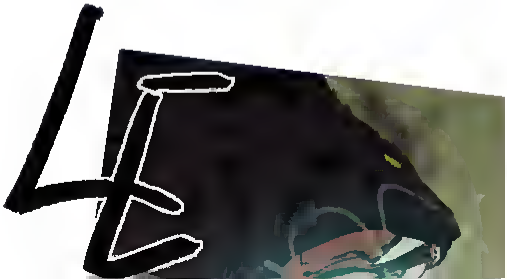
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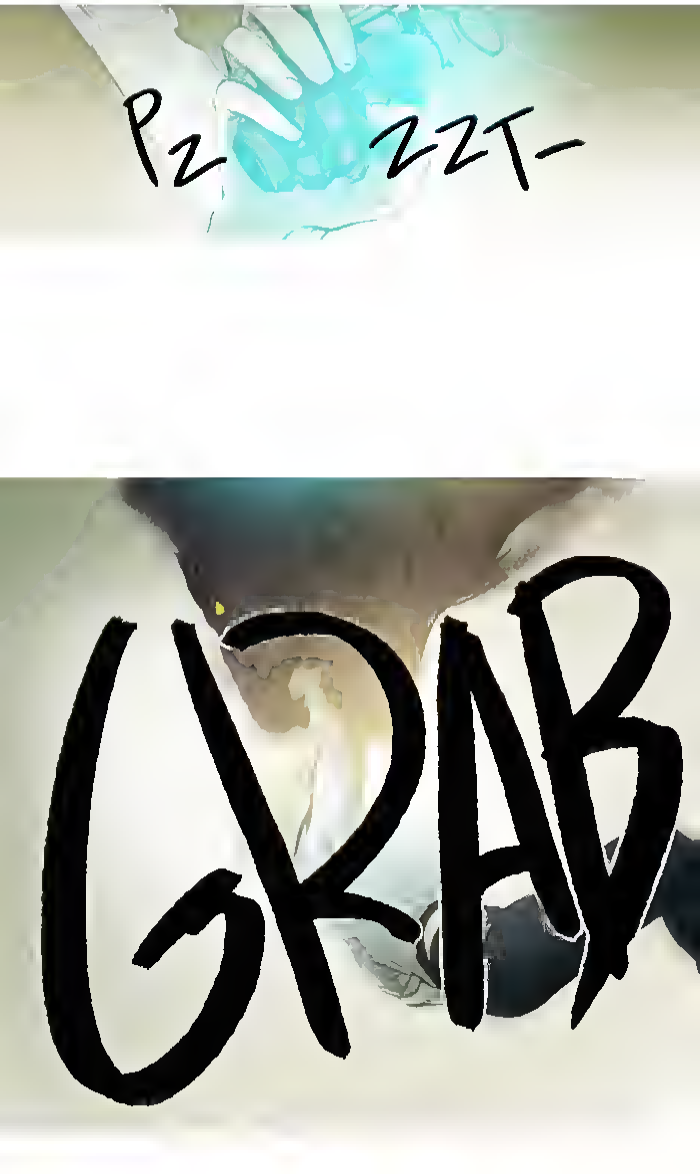
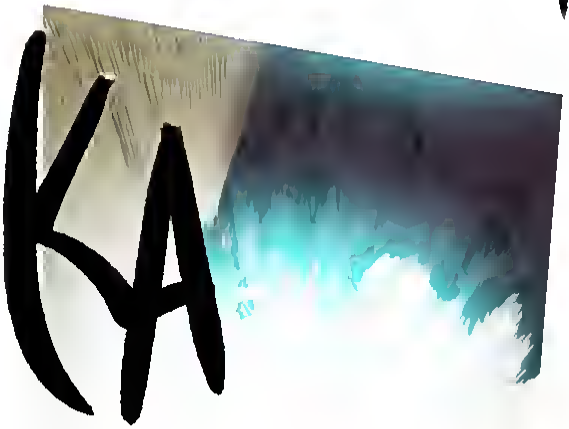

PZ ZZT-
GRAB

FLASH



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CREECH!..

PSSH...
OOF...

YOU WITCH...
SSSSS...

STOMP...
STOMP...

STOMP

STOMP

STOMP

STOMP

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STOMP...
STOMP

Stomp

Stomp

STOMP

CRUNCH

CRUNCH.

KAA A
AAHIH.

CRUNCH.
CRUNCH.
...THIS LIGHT...
IT MUST BE...

SURI...!!

CRUNCH
CRUNCH.

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CRUNCH.
CRUNCH..
SORRY, IZZY. THIS WAS ALL THE DAMAGE I COULD DO.
NO PROBLEM. IT'S ENOUGH.
IT'S ALONE.

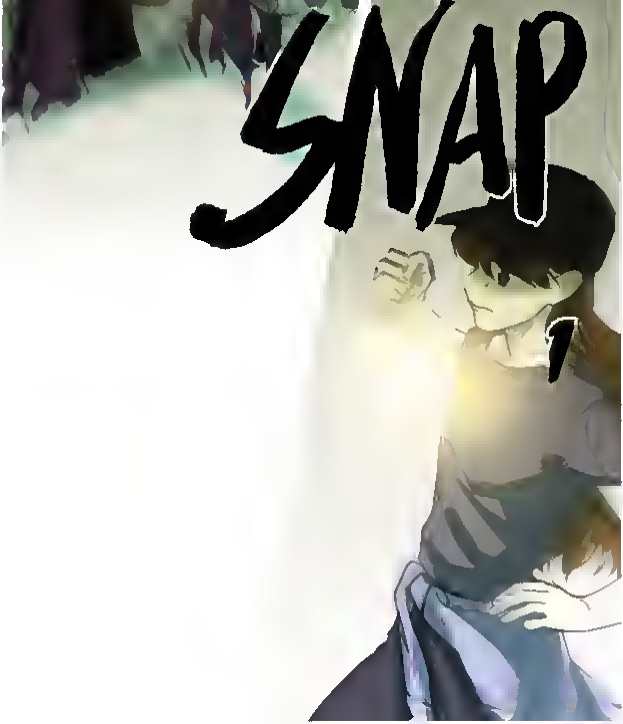
KAAH
HAAH...YOU'VE CHANGED A LOT.
KAAH
I DIDN'T RECOGNIZE YOU.
WHY NOT KEEP RUNNING AWAY?
YANK
...BEOM, YOU...
CRUNCH

WHOOOSH—
SWHO
...ARE
AS SARCASTIC
AS EVER.

OOK

SMAP!

BANG
WHOOSH..


SNAP
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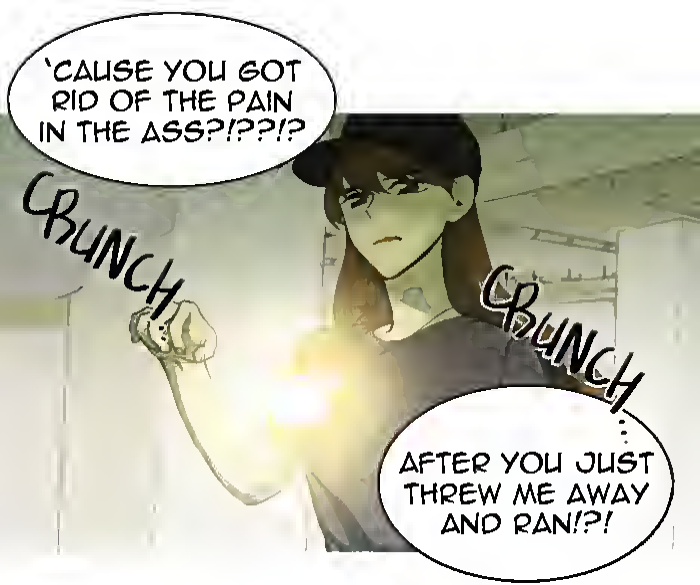
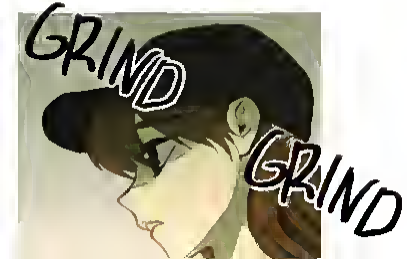
so,

ARE YOU SATISFIED NOW?!
KRAHH..
KRAHH..


'CAUSE YOU GOT RID OF THE PAIN IN THE ASS?!??!?
CRUNCH
CRUNCH
AFTER YOU JUST THREW ME AWAY AND RAN!?!


GRIND
GRIND

...I NEVER THOUGHT YOU WERE A PAIN IN THE ASS.
GRIND.
IF I WERE ONLY MORE RESPONSIBLE,
GRIND.
OR, IF I HADN'T CHANGED...

GRIND

NOTHING LIKE THIS
FLARE
WOULD HAVE HAPPENED..

R
E

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P.E.

SWHOOO

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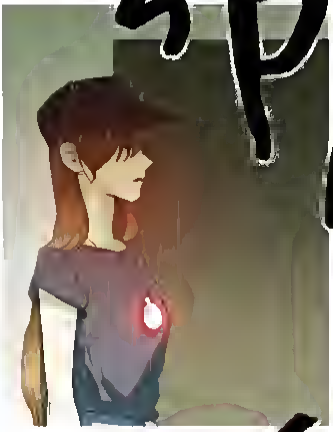
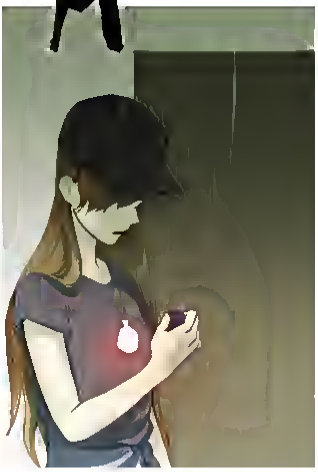
FILM

SPLASH





SURI,

THIS IS NOT THE END.

ASH
IT'S THE BEGINNING OF AN END.
SPLASH
...I'M SORRY..

SPLASH
I'M SORRY.. BEOM...

$CHHH$

$CHHH$.

CH.

HHHH.

CHHHH

СННН,
...DAEHO..?
СННН

CHHH...

CHHH

THAT NIGHT,

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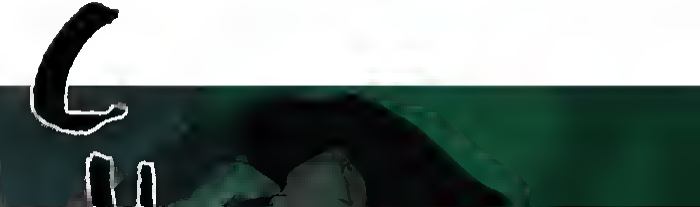
MEG TOLD ME SHE HEARD A WEIRD SOUND.

...

THAT WAS...



THE CRY OF DEATH.

CHHH

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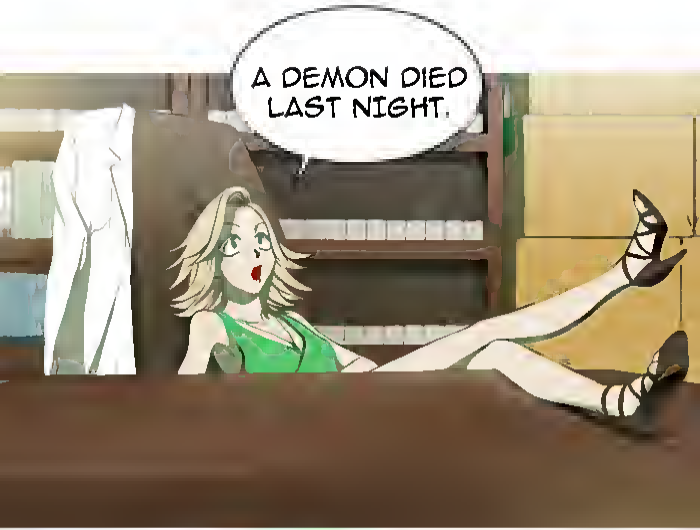
A DEMON DIED LAST NIGHT.

WHAT?

SSH.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN? HOW COULD YOU KNOW IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT?
EMM~
IT KEPT RINGING ALL NIGHT. SO NOISY.

IT'S BEEN YEARS SINCE I HEARD THAT SOUND FOR THE LAST TIME,
FLIP.

BUT I'M SURE IT WAS THE SOUND OF A DEMON'S DEATH.

THEN, IT'S OVER?!
OH~ MY PATIENT LEFT THIS HERE, AND IT FITS ME~

SLIDE
R

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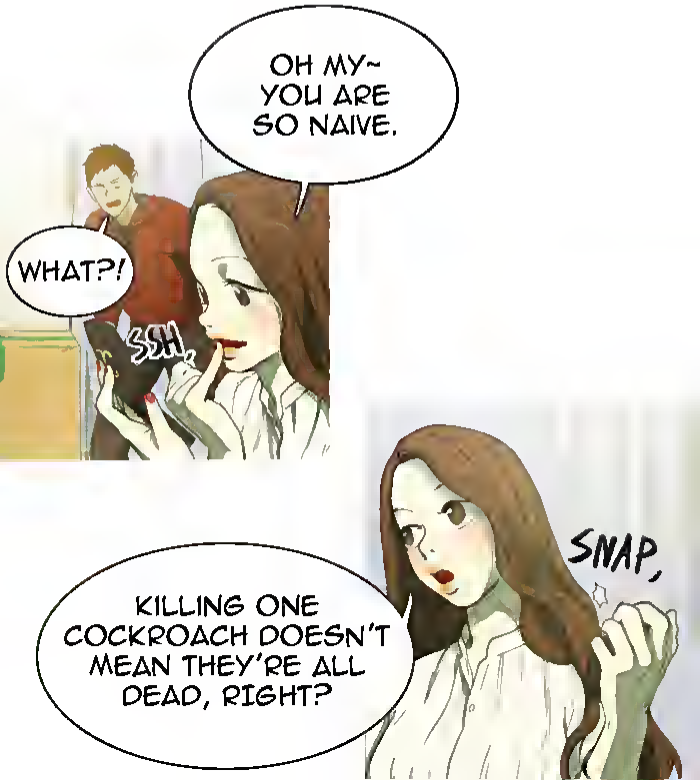
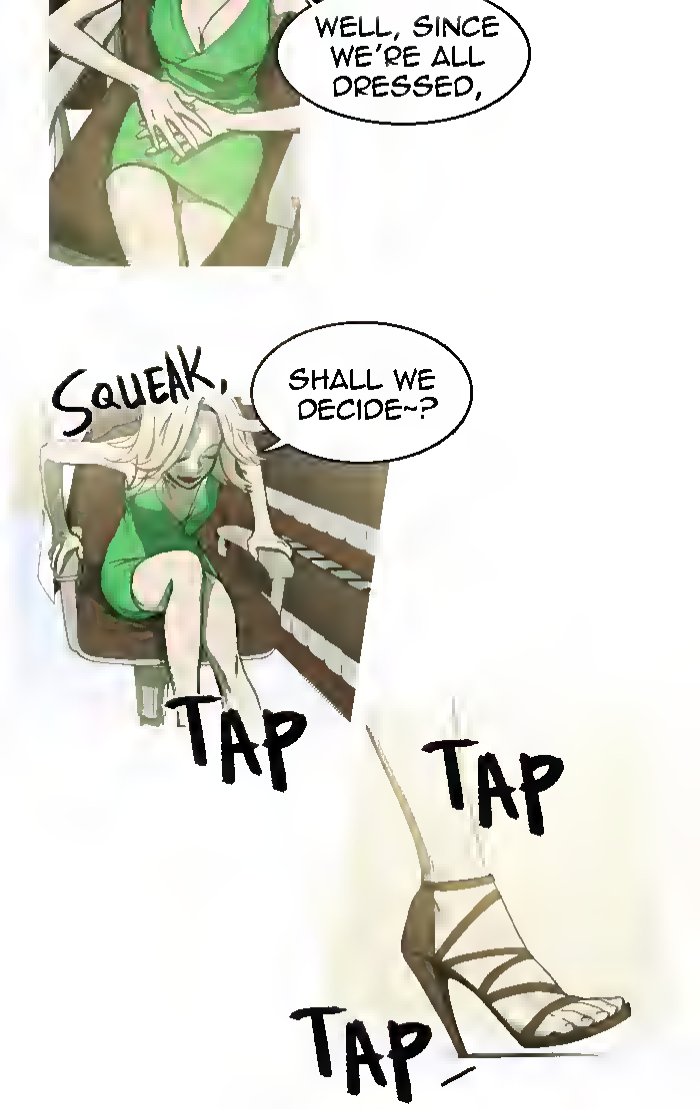
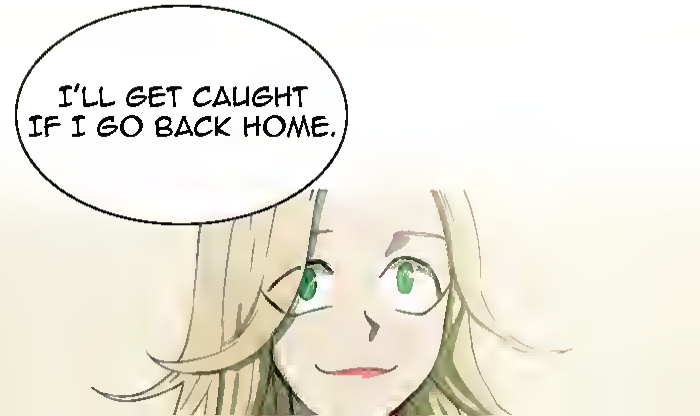

OH MY~ YOU ARE SO NAIVE.
WHAT?!
SSH.
SNAP,
KILLING ONE COCKROACH DOESN'T MEAN THEY'RE ALL DEAD, RIGHT?

YEAH~
I'M SURE THERE ARE A LOT MORE, AND IT'S THE HEAD THAT MATTERS.
GAMIN~ YOU HAVE A LONG WAY AHEAD OF YOU~ TAKE CARE~
SQUEAK,


WELL, SINCE WE'RE ALL DRESSED,
SQUEAK,
SHALL WE DECIDE~?
TAP
TAP
TAP

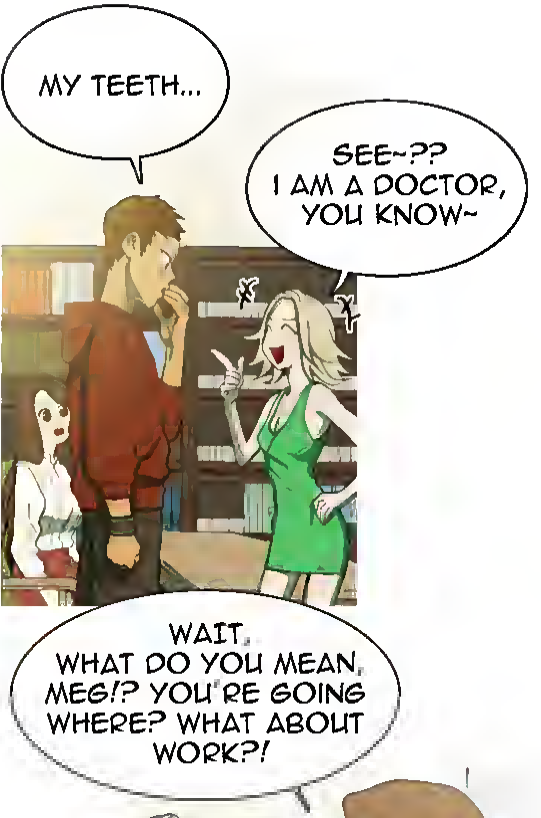
I'LL TAKE YOU. WHERE WILL YOU GO?

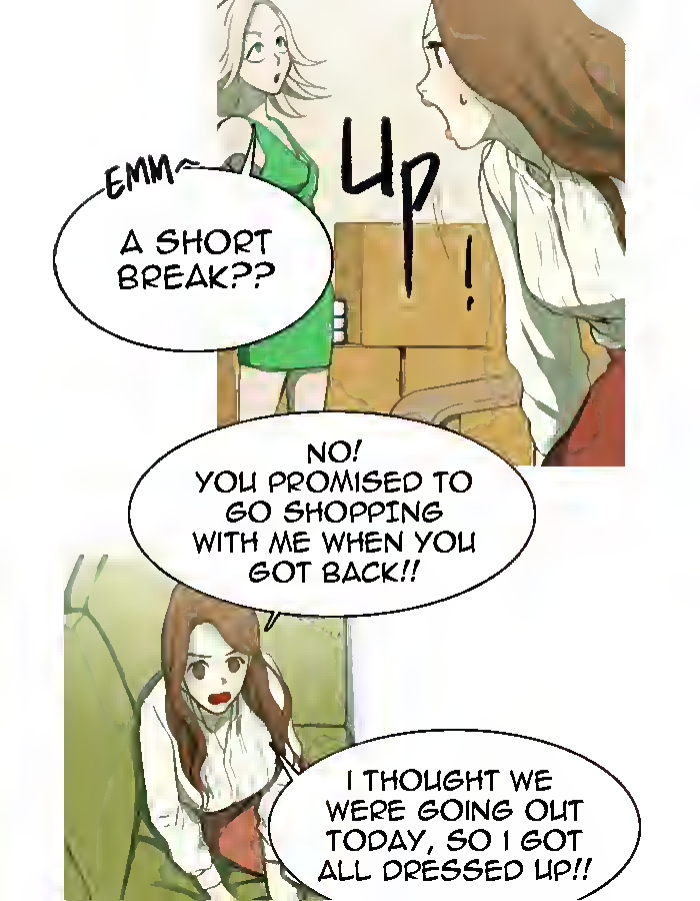
I'LL GO TO IZZY JANG.

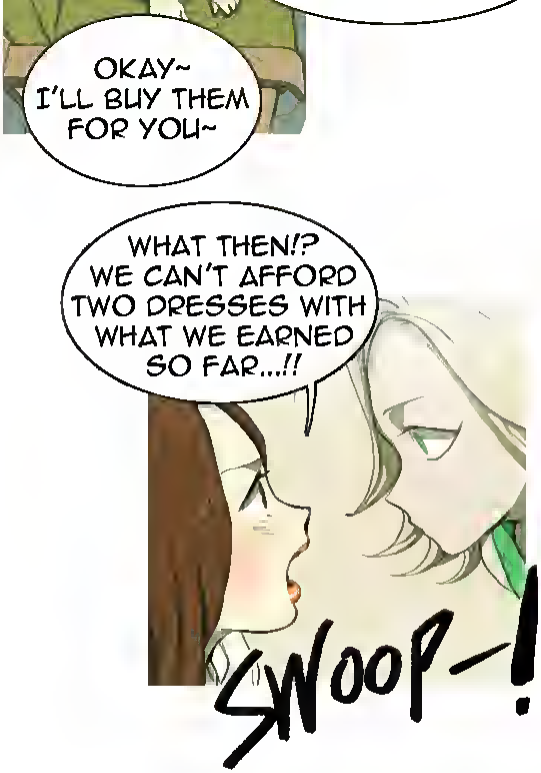

I'LL GET CAUGHT IF I GO BACK HOME.

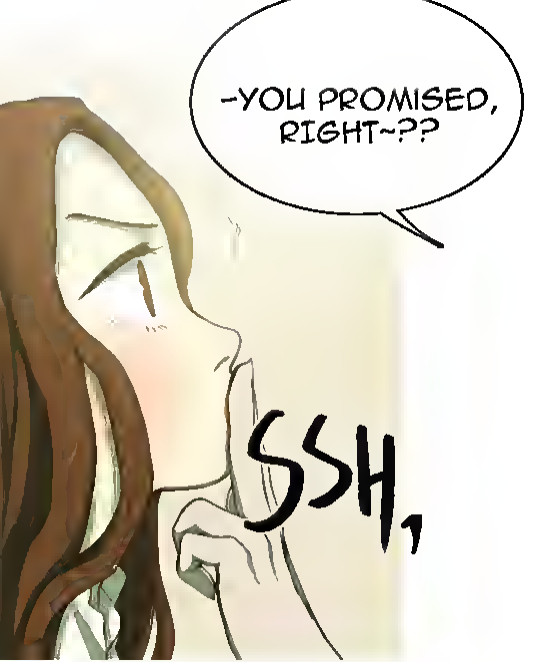
SO, I'LL HAVE TO TRY TO SURVIVE.
FLA
-OKAY~!!
PZZ
ZI-
SH

SLAP!
PZZZT-
I'LL COME WITH YOU~! GAMIN SHIN.

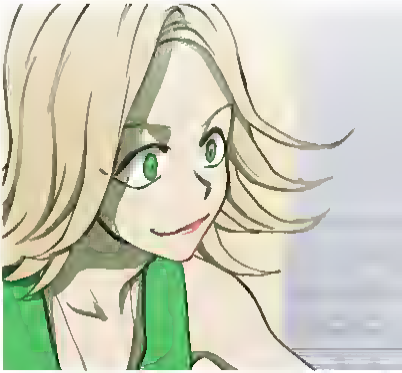

MY TEETH...
SEE~??
I AM A DOCTOR,
YOU KNOW~
WAIT.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN,
MEG!? YOU'RE GOING
WHERE? WHAT ABOUT
WORK?!

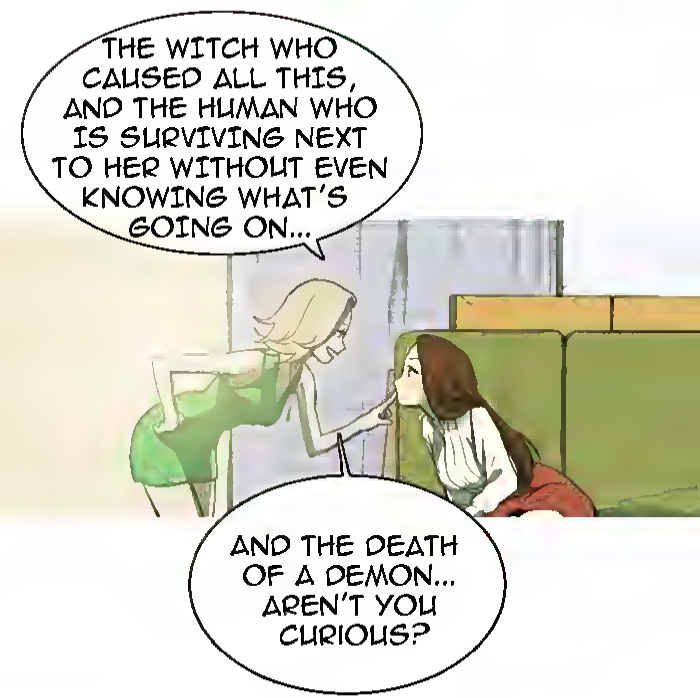

EMM~
A SHORT BREAK??
UP!
NO! YOU PROMISED TO GO SHOPPING WITH ME WHEN YOU GOT BACK!!
I THOUGHT WE WERE GOING OUT TODAY, SO I GOT ALL DRESSED UP!!


OKAY~
I'LL BUY THEM
FOR YOU~
WHAT THEN!?
WE CAN'T AFFORD
TWO DRESSES WITH
WHAT WE EARNED
SO FAR...!!
SWOOP-!

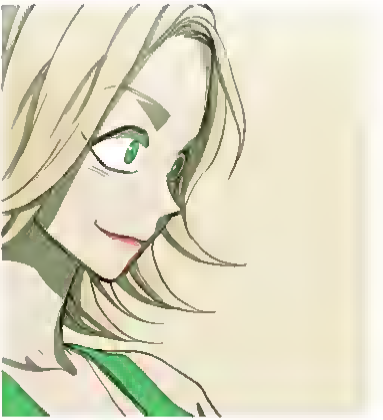

-YOU PROMISED, RIGHT~??
SSH,

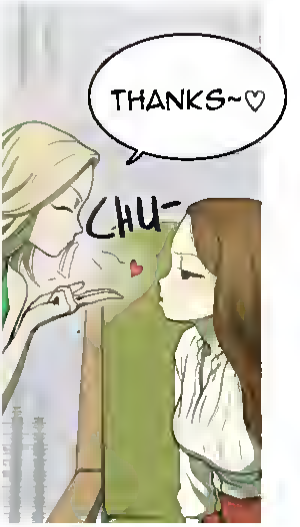
YOU PROMISED TO HELP ME OUT
IF I FIND SOMETHING INTERESTING.
..THAT'S NOW?



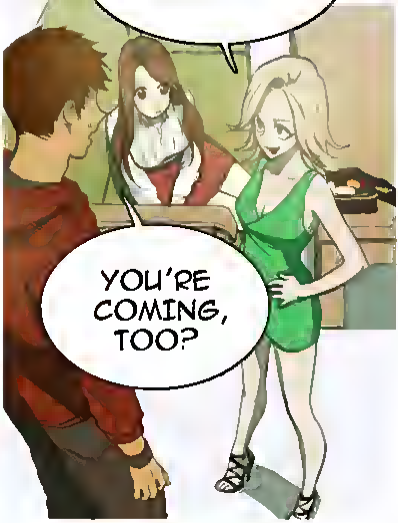

THE WITCH WHO CAUSED ALL THIS, AND THE HUMAN WHO IS SURVIVING NEXT TO HER WITHOUT EVEN KNOWING WHAT'S GOING ON...
AND THE DEATH OF A DEMON... AREN'T YOU CURIOUS?

WE COULD LIVE WITHOUT HIDING ANY MORE~!!
IT'S NOT LIKE A MEANINGLESS DEATH LIKE LAST TIME. IT'S WORTH RISKING OUR LIVES.
...FINE.
SNATCH




THANKS~♡
CHU-

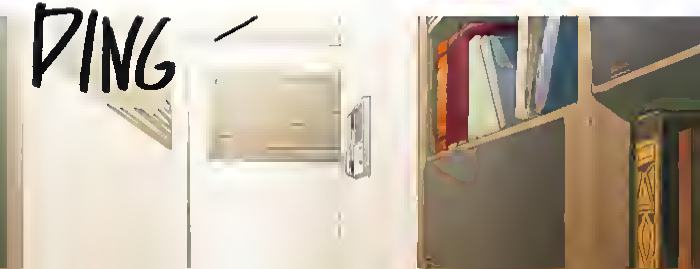
SHALL WE GET GOING~?


YOU'RE COMING, TOO?

WELL, I WAS GONNA LET YOU GO ON YOUR OWN,

BUT I REALIZED AFTER THE DEMON DIED YESTERDAY.
WE CAN WIN.
I GET TO SEE THE END OF ALL THIS CLOSE BY.

AREN'T YOU EXCITED??



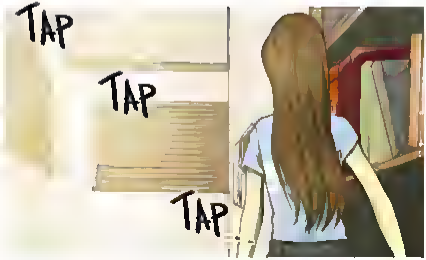
DONG

DING
DONG

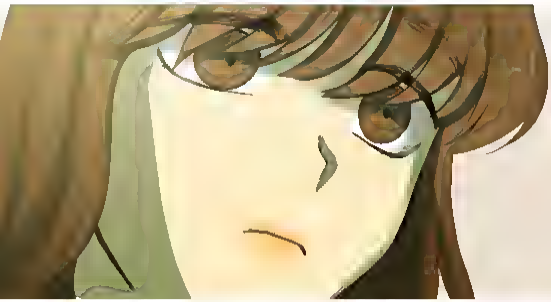
-BETH.
DING

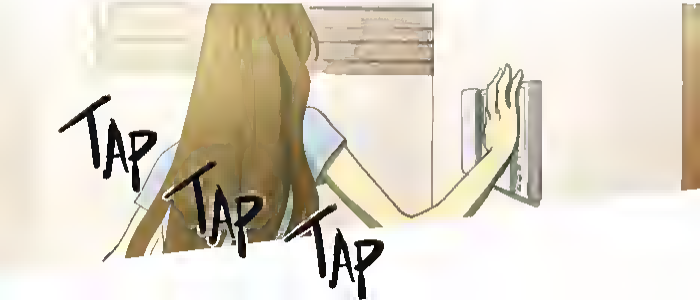
DONG

SQUEAK
...WHERE IS SHE?

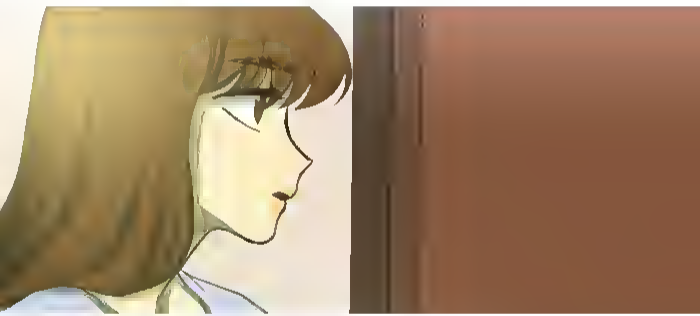

TAP
TAP
TAP

BEEP—




TAP
TAP
TAP

Swoop_!



UMM..
I KNOW YOU WON'T LIKE THIS...
BUT, CAN YOU HELP ME ONE MORE TIME...?

...YOU'RE ALIVE, HUH?
SSH.

PUSH

DON'T LOSE THIS ANYMORE.
TAP
,
YOUR FRIEND CAN COME IN, TOO.
TAP
TAP
OH~ WE'RE FRIENDS~?
TAP
TAP.

MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE SAID I'M YOUR GIRLFRIEND~
GIRLFRIEND!!?

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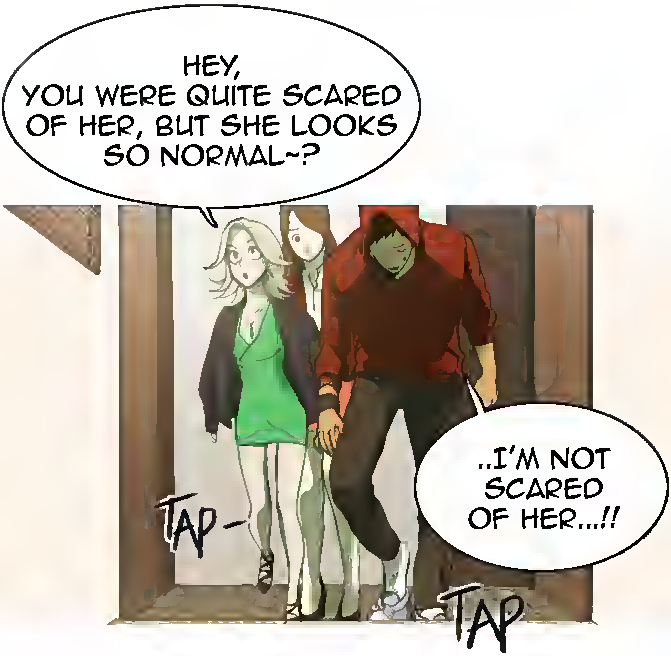
HEY,
YOU WERE QUITE SCARED OF HER, BUT SHE LOOKS SO NORMAL~?
TAP-
..I'M NOT SCARED OF HER...!!
TAP

IZZY~ IS SOMEONE HERE?
SHH,
COME ON OUT, BETH. WE'VE GOT VISITORS.
SQUEAK-

TAP

TAP

TAP
TAP
TAP
YANK

MEG!?!
BETH!?!
CLANK!

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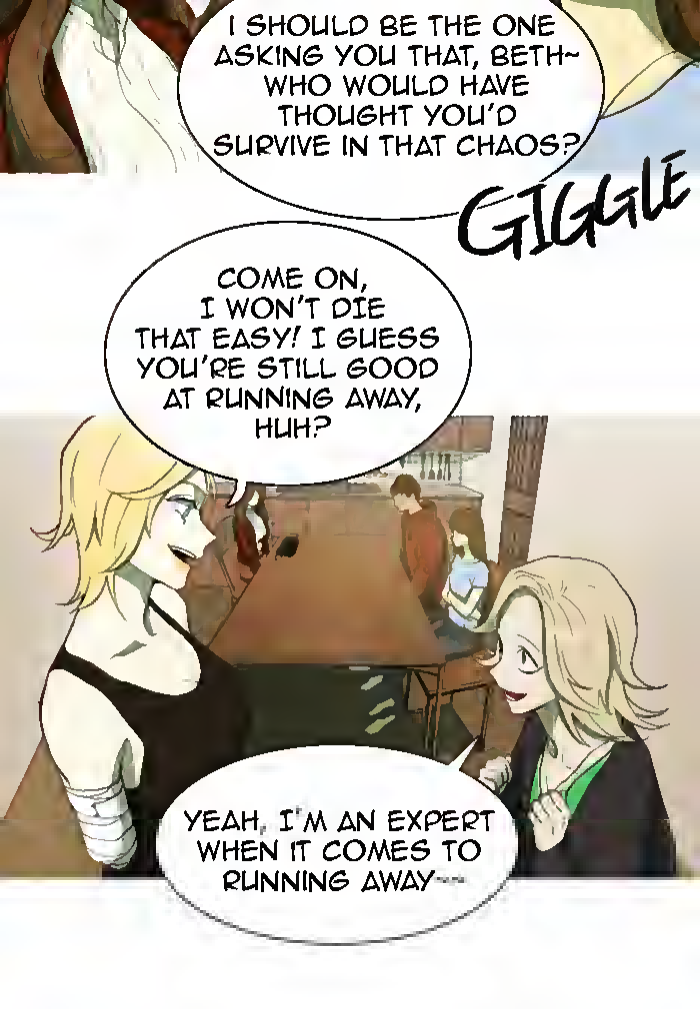
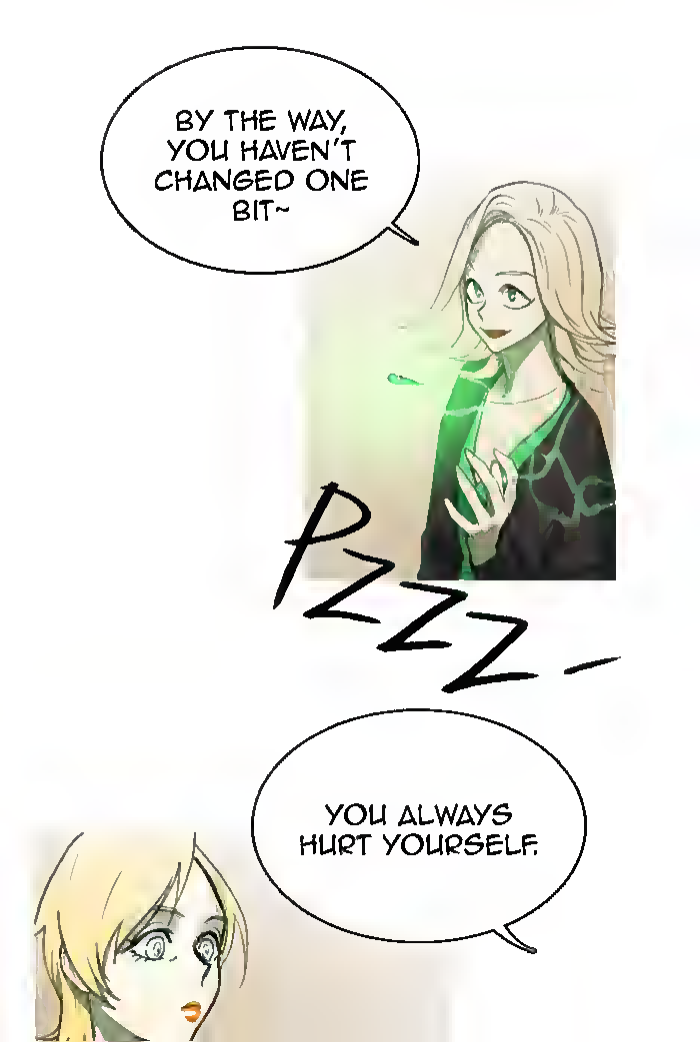
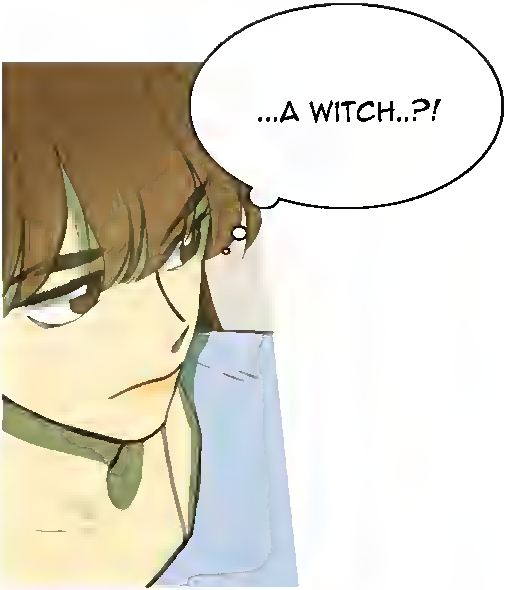
OH MY~
YOU'RE NOT
DEAD YET?
GIGGLE

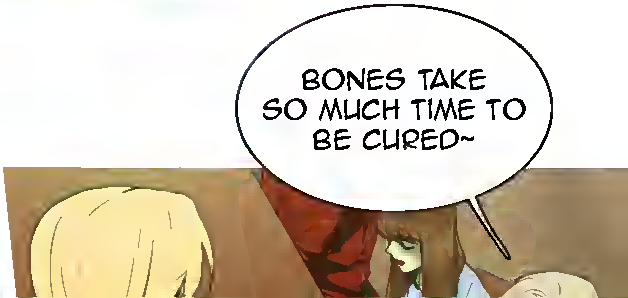

I SHOULD BE THE ONE ASKING YOU THAT, BETH~ WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT YOU'D SURVIVE IN THAT CHAOS?
GIGGLE
COME ON, I WON'T DIE THAT EASY! I GUESS YOU'RE STILL GOOD AT RUNNING AWAY, HUH?
YEAH, I'M AN EXPERT WHEN IT COMES TO RUNNING AWAY~


BY THE WAY, YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED ONE BIT~
PZZZ-
YOU ALWAYS HURT YOURSELF.

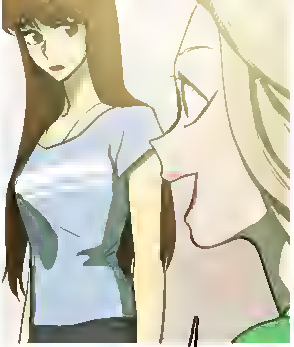
PZZZZ
PZZZ
PZZZT

BZZZT
SHOOAH

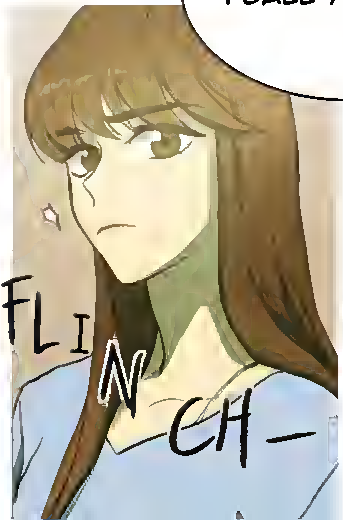

...A WITCH..?!


BONES TAKE SO MUCH TIME TO BE CURED~

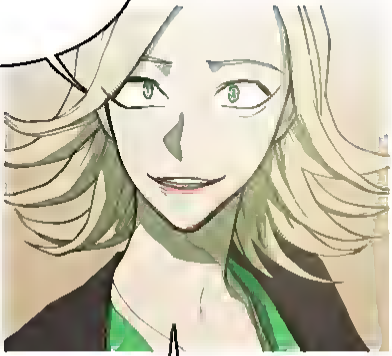
WOW.. IT'S BEEN A WHILE. I WAS HAVING SOME TROUBLE WITH IT, THANKS~
THAT'S ENOUGH.
ENOUGH WITH THE CHITCHAT. WE NEED TO TALK.
CLONK-
I'M..
I KNOW, IZZY JANG.



OR SHOULD I CALL YOU SURI?

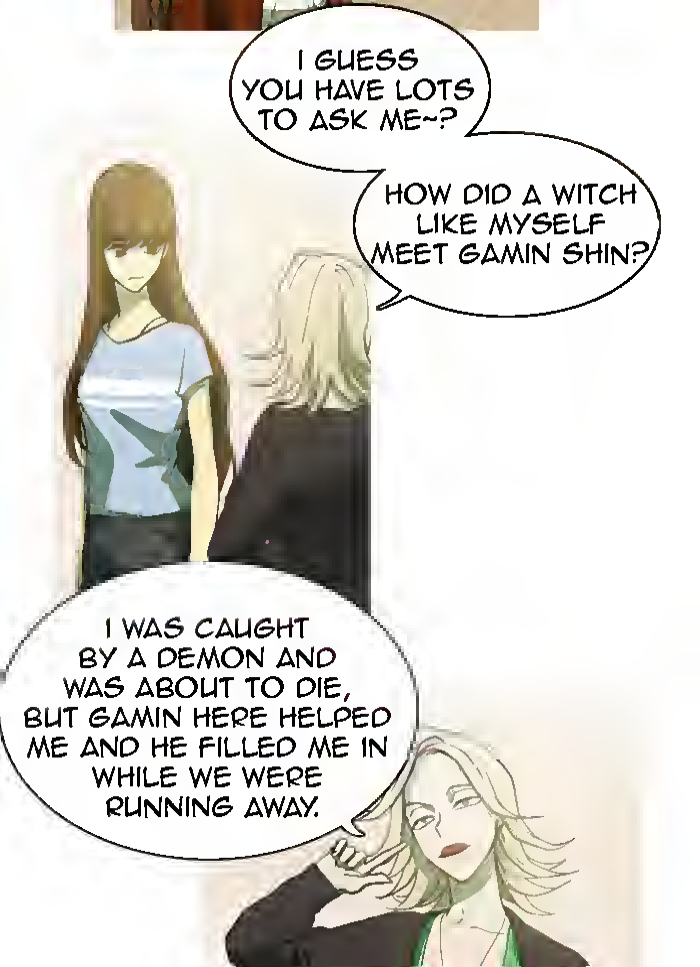


I'M MEG.



THAT SULLEN PRETTY GIRL OVER THERE IS MY ASSISTANT, SOMIN LEE.

HOW DOES SHE KNOW THIS WITCH? AND HOW DID SHE MEET GAMIN SHIN...

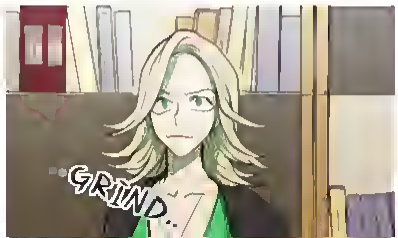

I GUESS YOU HAVE LOTS TO ASK ME~?
HOW DID A WITCH LIKE MYSELF MEET GAMIN SHIN?
I WAS CAUGHT BY A DEMON AND WAS ABOUT TO DIE, BUT GAMIN HERE HELPED ME AND HE FILLED ME IN WHILE WE WERE RUNNING AWAY.

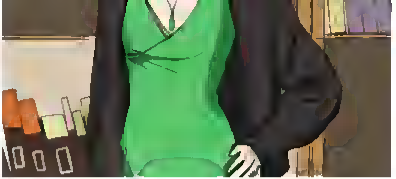
AND I HEARD THE "SOUND OF DEATH" LAST NIGHT.
ALL OF THIS MAKES IT ENOUGH FOR ME TO COME HERE, DON'T YOU THINK?
...YOU'VE MET QUITE THE WITCH, GAMIN SHIN.
SHE KNOWS BETH AND SHE CAN READ MINDS.

..IF YOU TOLD ME EVERYTHING FROM THE BEGINNING..!
IF I TOLD YOU EVERYTHING, WHAT!?!?
WINCE,

..FINE, YOU HAVE ENOUGH REASON TO BE HERE... AND? KEEP GOING.

I'M ALL EARS.





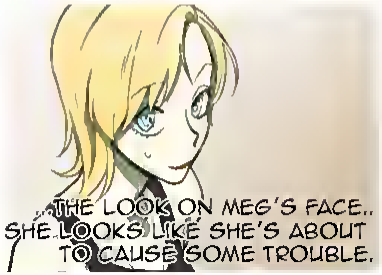
..AHH..
WHEN I SEE THE SERIOUS TYPE,
I WANT TO MESS AROUND WITH THEM..

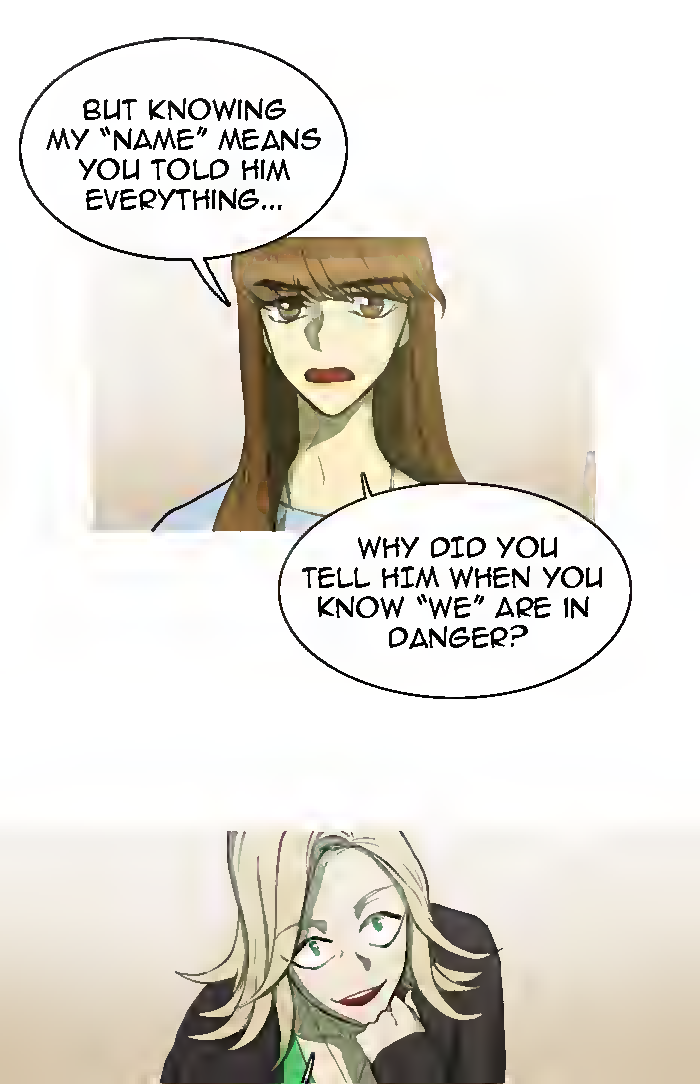
BUT, I'LL REALLY DIE
IF IF DO THAT TO HER~ RIGHT?

MEG!
COME HERE AND
HAVE A SEAT!!
YOU'RE
NOT A KID.
WHY MAKE SUCH
A FUSS?
DRR
THEN, YOU WANT
ME TO SIT NEXT TO
A STRANGER!?

I'M ONLY TRYING TO HELP YOU TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR GETTING YOU INVOLVED IN "OUR" MATTERS.
OF COURSE IT'S BETTER FOR YOU TO HELP US OUT, BUT I DON'T WANT YOU TO GET TOO DEEP INTO THIS MATTER.
...WELL, THAT'S PROBABLY WHY YOU RAN AWAY.

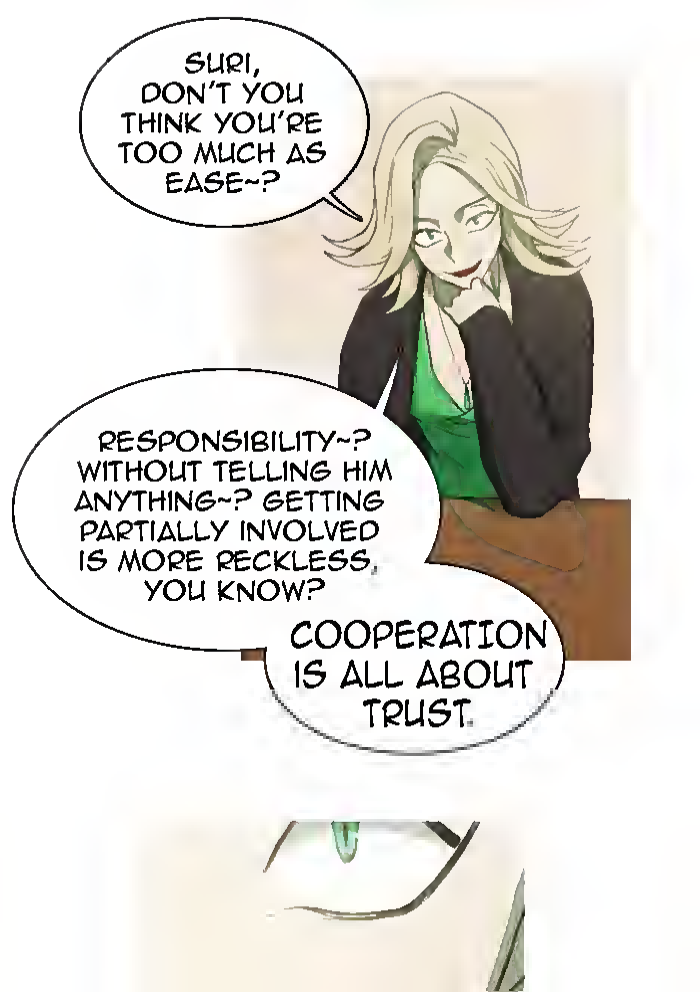
PULL

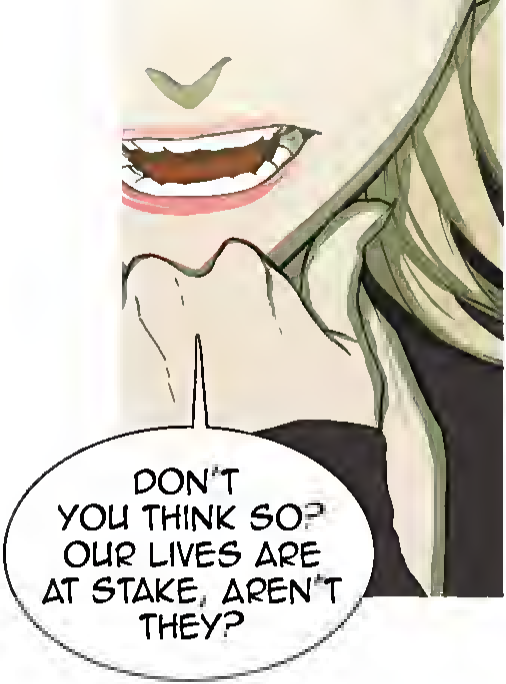

...THE LOOK ON MEG'S FACE..
SHE LOOKS LIKE SHE'S ABOUT
TO CAUSE SOME TROUBLE.


BUT KNOWING MY "NAME" MEANS YOU TOLD HIM EVERYTHING...
WHY DID YOU TELL HIM WHEN YOU KNOW "WE" ARE IN DANGER?

...BECAUSE
I THOUGHT IT'D BE FUN.
!?

..I KNEW IT..


SURI, DON'T YOU THINK YOU'RE TOO MUCH AS EASE~?
RESPONSIBILITY~? WITHOUT TELLING HIM ANYTHING~? GETTING PARTIALLY INVOLVED IS MORE RECKLESS, YOU KNOW?
COOPERATION IS ALL ABOUT TRUST.


DON'T YOU THINK SO? OUR LIVES ARE AT STAKE, AREN'T THEY?

SHAAA
SHA

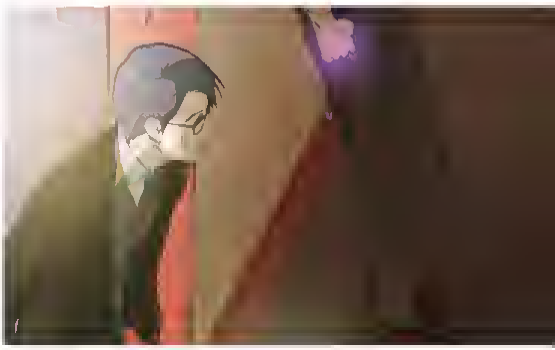
SHA
AA
AA
AA

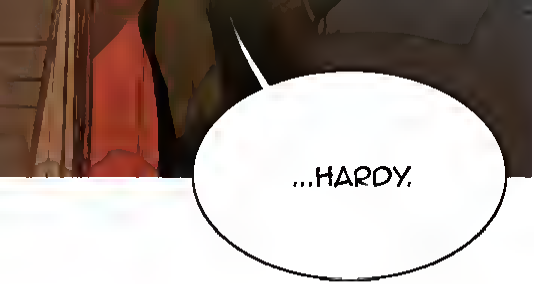
AAAAAA

TY!!
TY!!
GLANCE
GLANCE
STOMP
STOMP

STOMP
...WHERE DID HE GO...?

-SEOK HAN.




...HARDY.

WHERE DID EVERYBODY GO..?
...TO THE BASEMENT.
..THAT'S..!!
YOU CAN'T. IT'S NOT OVER, YET..!

GRASP

SEOK HAN.

DAEHO'S DEATH
IS ON YOU.

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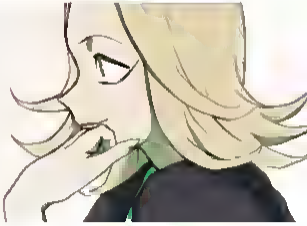


SMILE,

YANK
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?

BAM!

SO... ARE YOU GOING TO HELP ME,

FLASH
OR THREATEN ME?

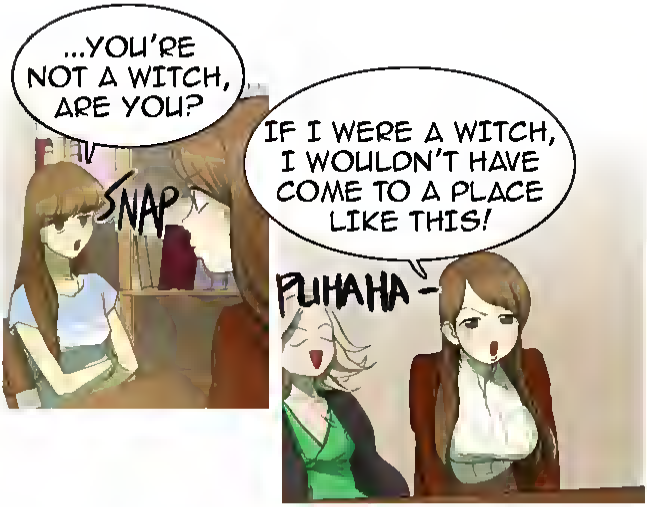
The Witch Hunt

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING!? LET HER GO...!
YANK
MY MY. HOW COULD SOMEONE LIKE ME THREATEN YOU~!
SWHOO
OOSH

I WOULDN'T HAVE COME ALL THE WAY HERE IF I WERE IN A POSITION TO THREATEN YOU, WOULD I~??
AWW
WWW~
YOU TAKE CARE OF GAMIN, SO WHY DON'T YOU LOOK AFTER ME, TOO~!
GIGGLE
GIGGLE
GIGGLE
GIGGLE
BESIDES... I COULD BE HELPFUL, RIGHT?
RIGHT? RIGHT? DON'T YOU THINK SO?

WOW...
NOW I KNOW HOW SHE SURVIVED FROM DEMONS...
I HEAR YOU, PUNK!
OKAY, NOW GO AWAY.
SURE~ SURE~

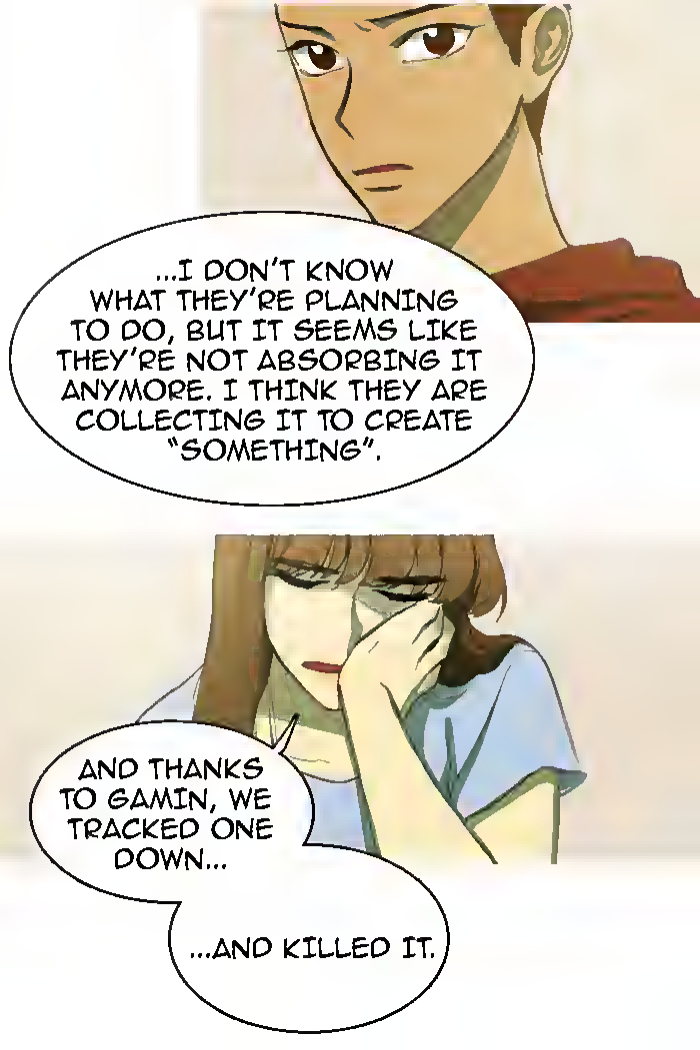
YOU OKAY WITH THIS, BETH?
WHY NOT? IT'S UP TO YOU, IZZY.

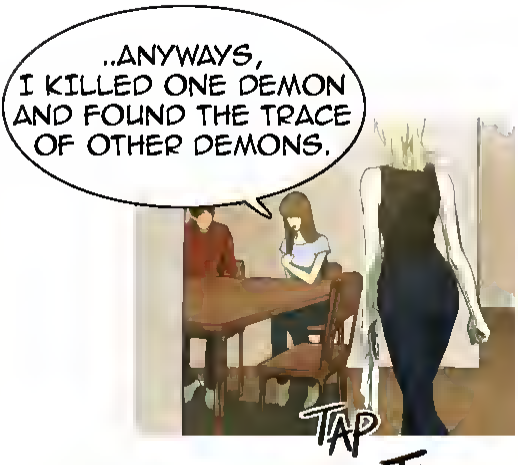

...YOU'RE NOT A WITCH, ARE YOU?
SNAP
IF I WERE A WITCH, I WOULDN'T HAVE COME TO A PLACE LIKE THIS!
PUHAHA~

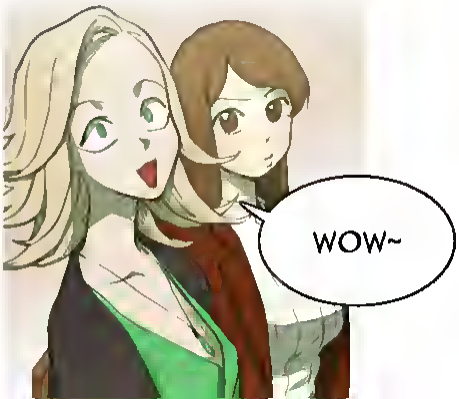
...OKAY, FINE.
SSH,

I PLANNED TO TAKE A REST TODAY. BUT SINCE YOU OFFERED A HELP, I'LL FILL YOU IN ON OUR PLAN.
DRR—
I'LL GET STRAIGHT TO THE POINT.

MY DEMONS BETRAYED ME BECAUSE I CAUGHT THEM ABSORBING THE POWER OF WITCH'S MARBLE.
THE DEMONS GOT STRONGER, AND STARTED TO COME AFTER ME. IT GOT OUT OF MY CONTROL, AND THAT'S WHY I BEGAN TO RUN AWAY.
THEY ABSORBED MORE POWER AND GREW STRONGER. I WAS WAITING FOR MY CHANCE.
BUT RECENTLY, THE DEMONS DIDN'T BECOME AS STRONG EVEN THOUGH THEY ABSORBED THE POWER.

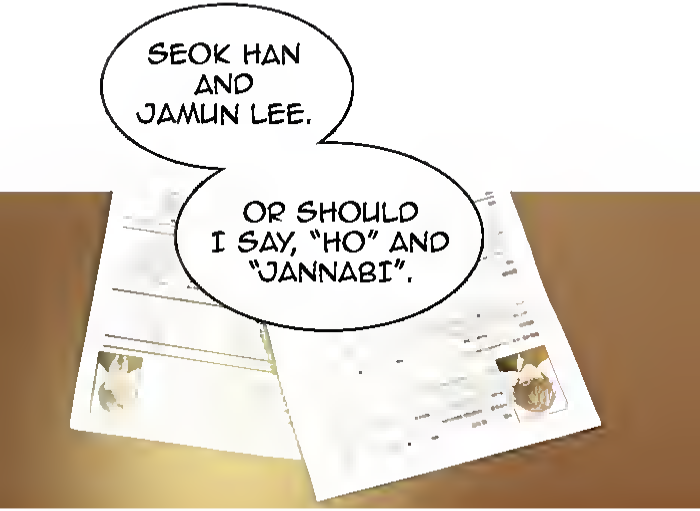

...I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY'RE PLANNING TO DO, BUT IT SEEMS LIKE THEY'RE NOT ABSORBING IT ANYMORE. I THINK THEY ARE COLLECTING IT TO CREATE "SOMETHING".
AND THANKS TO GAMIN, WE TRACKED ONE DOWN...
...AND KILLED IT.


..ANYWAYS,
I KILLED ONE DEMON
AND FOUND THE TRACE
OF OTHER DEMONS.
TAP
TAP

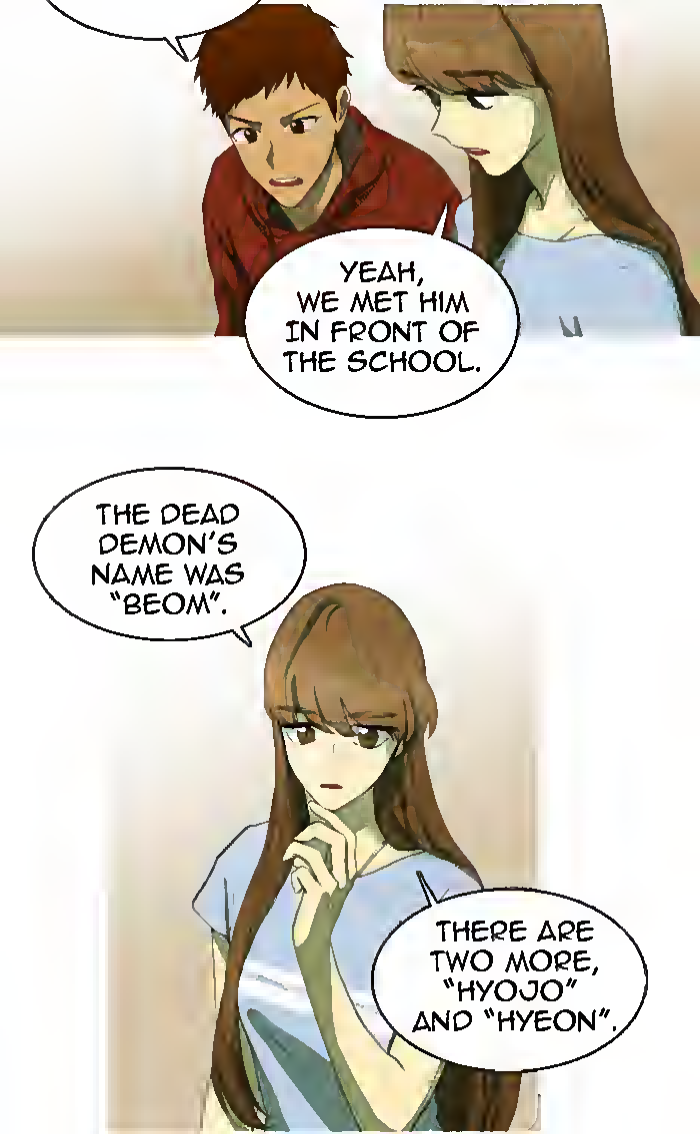

WOW~

WE GOT THE PROFILE FROM THE DEMON'S PHONE~

THERE WERE TWO OF THEM, WHOM WE COULD RECOGNIZE.



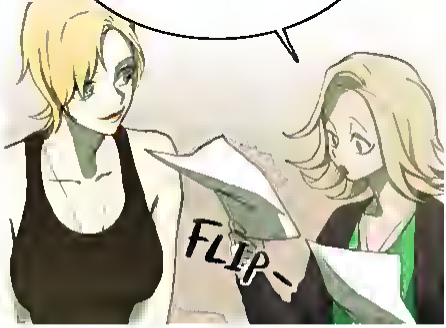
...THIS GUY...!

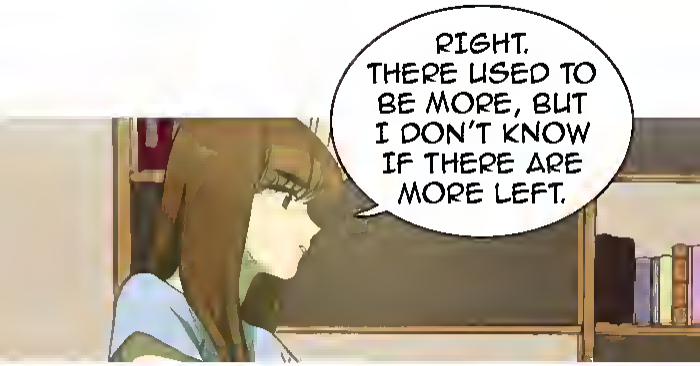

YEAH, WE MET HIM IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL.
THE DEAD DEMON'S NAME WAS "BEOM".
THERE ARE TWO MORE, "HYOJO" AND "HYEON".

..WHAT'S WITH THE NAMES?

I JUST NAMED THEM WITHOUT MUCH CONSIDERATION 'CAUSE IT WAS BOTHERSOME.

HMM.. THERE CAN'T BE ONLY FOUR ROAMING AROUND, THOUGH~

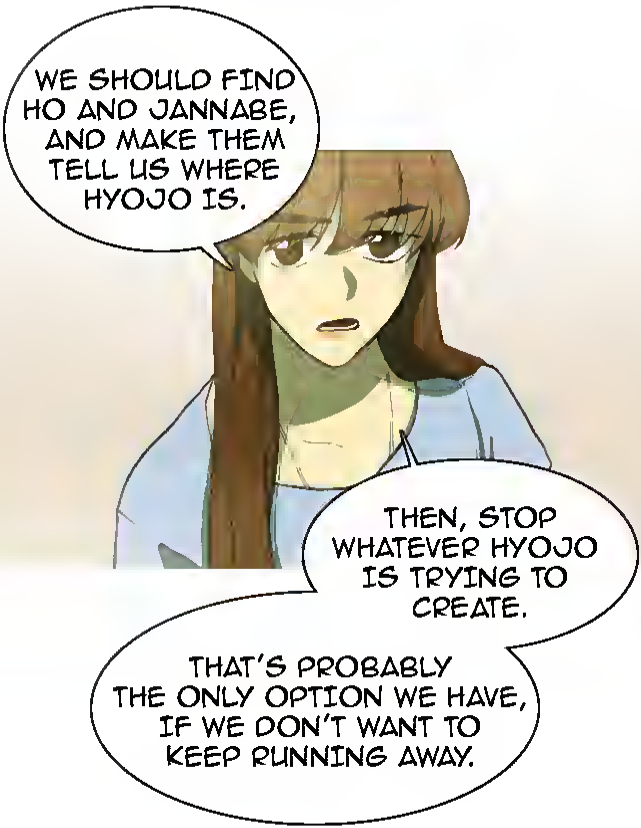

FLIP-


RIGHT.
THERE USED TO BE MORE, BUT I DON'T KNOW IF THERE ARE MORE LEFT.

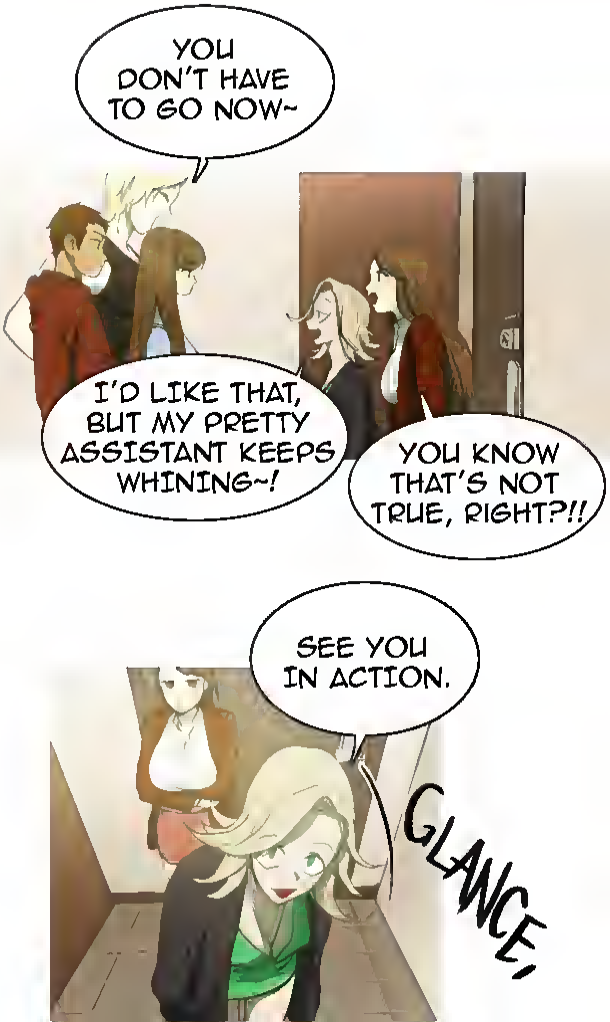
BUT ONLY
ONE MATTERS
THE MOST.

HYOJO.

HE STARTED EVERYTHING.


WE SHOULD FIND HO AND JANNABE, AND MAKE THEM TELL US WHERE HYOJO IS.
THEN, STOP WHATEVER HYOJO IS TRYING TO CREATE.
THAT'S PROBABLY THE ONLY OPTION WE HAVE, IF WE DON'T WANT TO KEEP RUNNING AWAY.

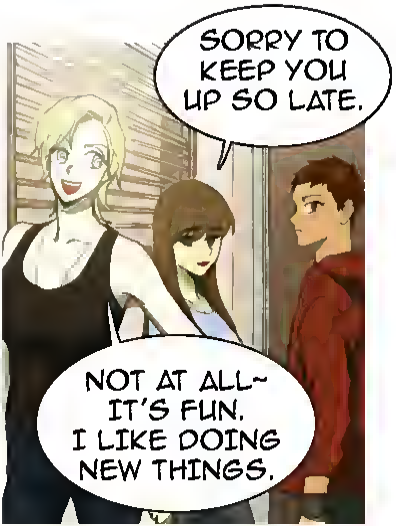
WE'LL BE GOING NOW~

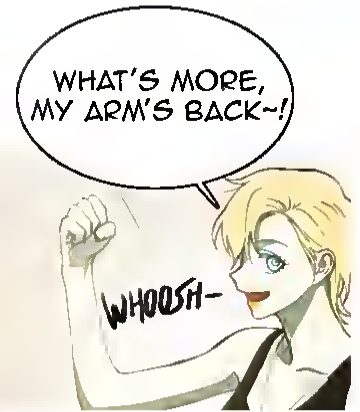

YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO NOW~
I'D LIKE THAT, BUT MY PRETTY ASSISTANT KEEPS WHINING~!
YOU KNOW THAT'S NOT TRUE, RIGHT?!!
SEE YOU IN ACTION.
GLANCE,

GOOD LUCK, GAMIN SHIN~
YEAH, BYE.

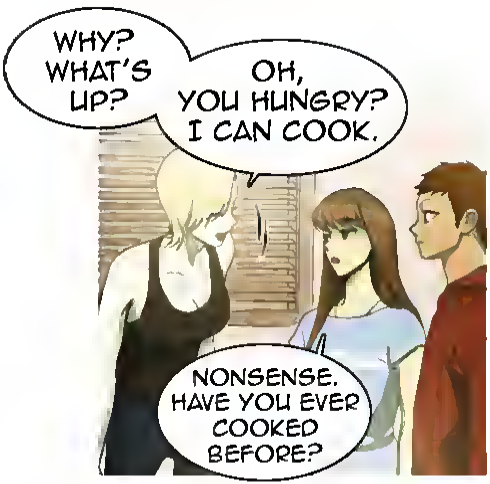
CLANK~

HAA~ I SHOULD TO REVISE OUR PLAN A BIT-
STRETCH-


SORRY TO KEEP YOU UP SO LATE.
NOT AT ALL~ IT'S FUN. I LIKE DOING NEW THINGS.


WHAT'S MORE, MY ARM'S BACK~!
WHOOSH-

..ummm...

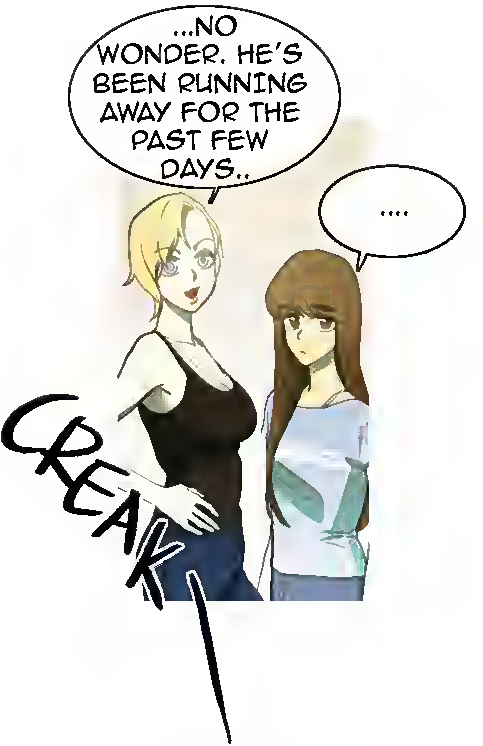


OF COURSE~ EVERYONE SAID MY FOOD WAS DELICIOUS DURING THE WAR.

YOU KNOW ANYTHING WOULD BE DELICIOUS WHEN YOU'RE STARVING.

OH... OKAY.
YEA,
YOU MUST BE TIRED.
YOU CAN USE THE
ROOM YOU STAYED
IN LAST TIME.

YEAH, THANKS.
STUMP
STUMP
STUMP
STUMP


...NO WONDER. HE'S BEEN RUNNING AWAY FOR THE PAST FEW DAYS..
....
CREAK

THUD

STUMP
STUMP
STUMP
FLOP

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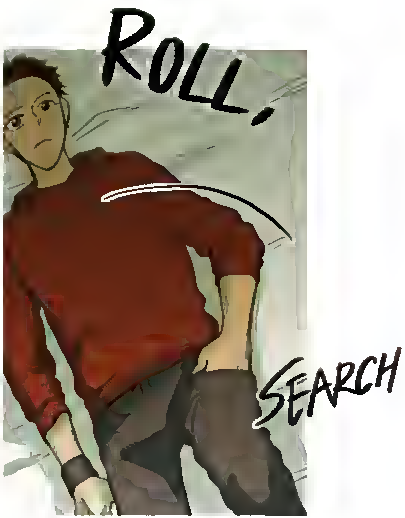
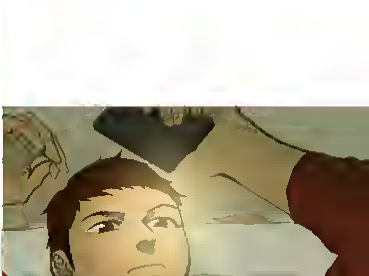

ROLL,
SEARCH

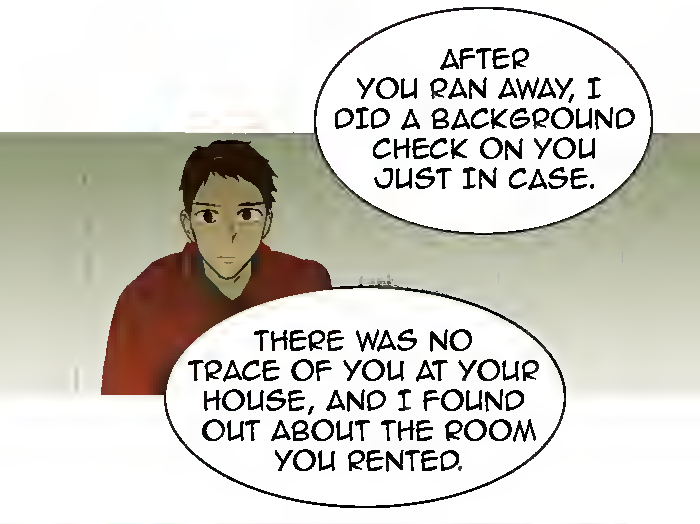


KNOCK

KNOCK
KNOCK
...CAN I COME IN?

SCREECH
WHY...?
WHAT'S
THE MATTER?

I HAVE SOMETHING TO ASK.
CLOSE


AFTER YOU RAN AWAY, I DID A BACKGROUND CHECK ON YOU JUST IN CASE.
THERE WAS NO TRACE OF YOU AT YOUR HOUSE, AND I FOUND OUT ABOUT THE ROOM YOU RENTED.

WELL, YOU WERE ALREADY ARRESTED BY THEN, THOUGH..
SO WHAT? WHAT IS IT THAT YOU WANT TO ASK?
...YOUR PHONE.
THERE WERE ONLY OUTGOING CALLS.

HOW COME THERE'S NO RECEIVED CALLS FROM YOUR PARENTS?

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WHY...

SHOULD I TELL YOU?

The Witch Hunt

STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
I NEED TO GET YOU BACK HOME AFTER WE'RE DONE! I SAID I WOULD TAKE CARE OF YOU...
STOMP
I'M NOT A 3-YEAR-OLD. YOU THINK I CAN'T FIND MY WAY HOME?
YOU ARE FULL OF SECRETS. WHY SHOULD I TELL YOU EVERYTHING?
YOU SAID YOU'LL TAKE CARE OF ME~ I'D FEEL BETTER IF I HEAR YOUR YOUR SECRETS~

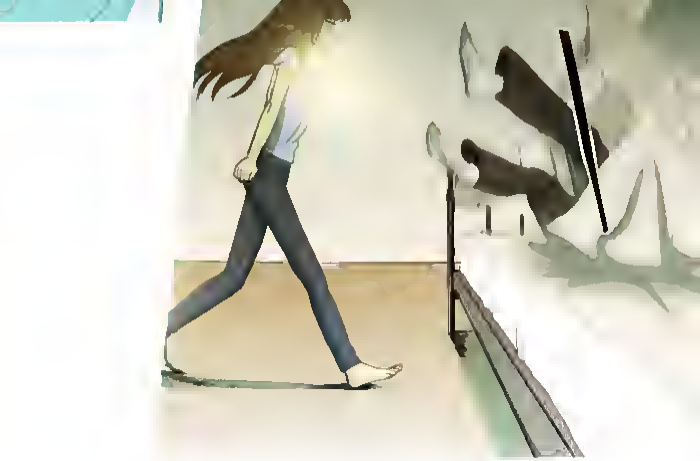
HEY!!!!!
SWOO
OOSH
I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN! YOU BEING AWAY FOR A FEW DAYS WOULDN'T CHANGE YOUR RUDE ATTITUDE!!

SWOOOSH

YOU USE YOUR POWER IF YOU HAVE NOTHING ELSE TO SAY TO ME!!!

THUMP

..FINE.



SHH
LET'S TRADE.

SWOOSH
WE'LL EXCHANGE SECRETS.
SATISFIED?

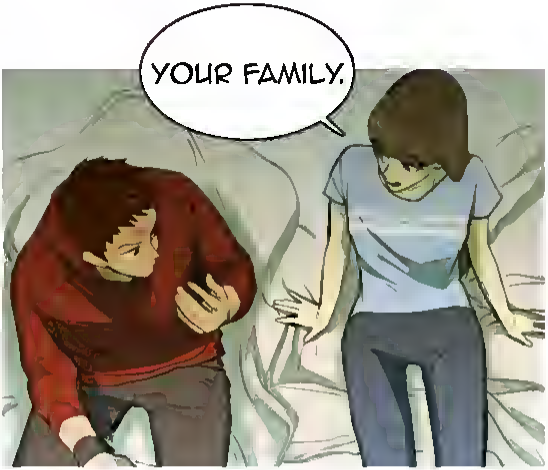
GRUMPY
...MAKE UP YOUR MIND. THIS IS MY BED.
YOU WANNA SLEEP OUTSIDE?

I KNOW YOU GUYS DON'T EVEN SLEEP. SO, WHY DO YOU NEED A BED?
..URG..
WELL, IF YOU WANT IT SO BADLY, WHAT CAN I DO~

WHY COULDN'T YOU JUST SPILL IT OUT~? HUH~???
SLAP~
OUCH!

OKAY, START TALKING.

OOF.


YOUR FAMILY.

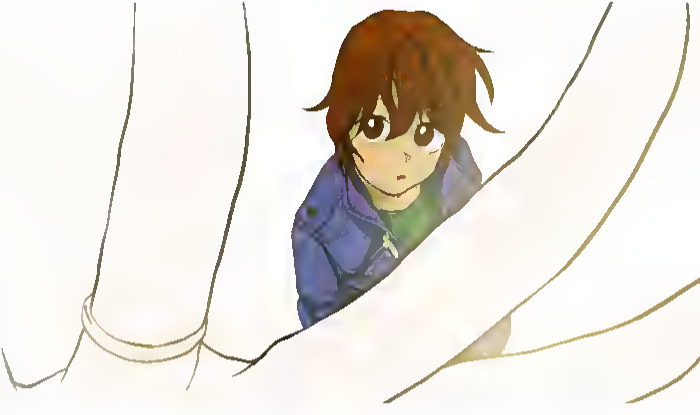
WHERE ARE THEY?
....
...MY PARENT GOT DIVORCED A LONG TIME AGO.

I'M AN ONLY CHILD, SO NO BROTHERS OR SISTERS.
I USED TO LIVE WITH MY FATHER,

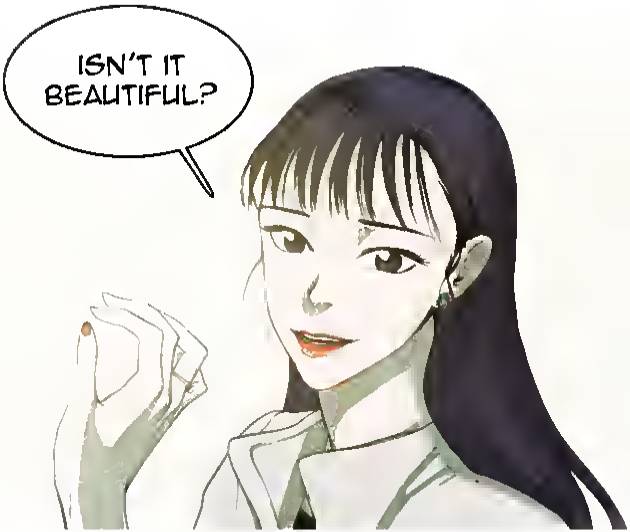
...BECAUSE I RESEMBLE MY MOTHER.

...MY MOTHER DIDN'T MARRY
MY FATHER BECAUSE SHE LOVED HIM.

MY MOTHER LOVED HERSELF



MORE THAN MY FATHER OR ME.


ISN'T IT
BEAUTIFUL?

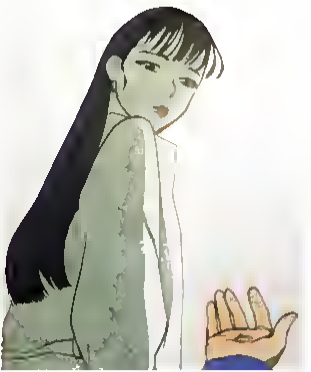
MOTHER HAD OTHER MEN IN HER LIFE,
BUT SHE MARRIED MY FATHER
BECAUSE SHE HAD ME.

MY DAD WANTED HER TO LEAVE EVERYTHING BEHIND AND BE WITH HIM, BUT HER NEEDS WAS FAR GREATER.

BUT I,

LIKED SEEING MY FATHER
AND MOTHER SMILE TOGETHER.

I DIDN'T WANT MY MOM TO LEAVE.



WOOSH

GAMIN...
TIGHT...

I LIKED IT WHEN SHE SMILED.

SO I DID EVERYTHING
MOM TOLD ME TO DO.

WELL, THIS WAS OF COURSE...

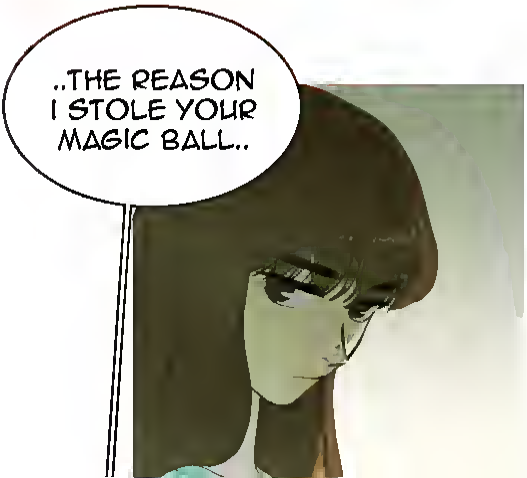
JUST A TEMPORARY EXPEDIENT.

-MY MOM ALWAYS WANTED SOMETHING NEW, AND SHE ENDED UP LEAVEN US.

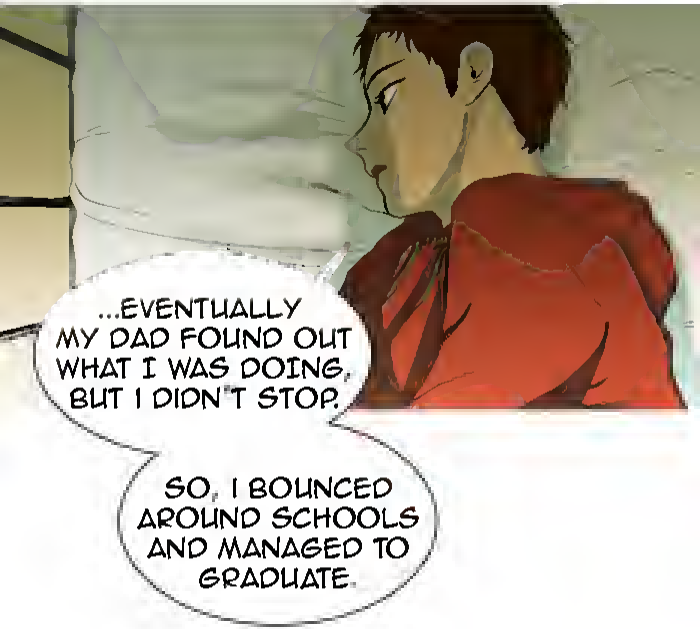
...EVEN AFTER THAT, I KEPT STEALING MONEY JUST IN CASE.

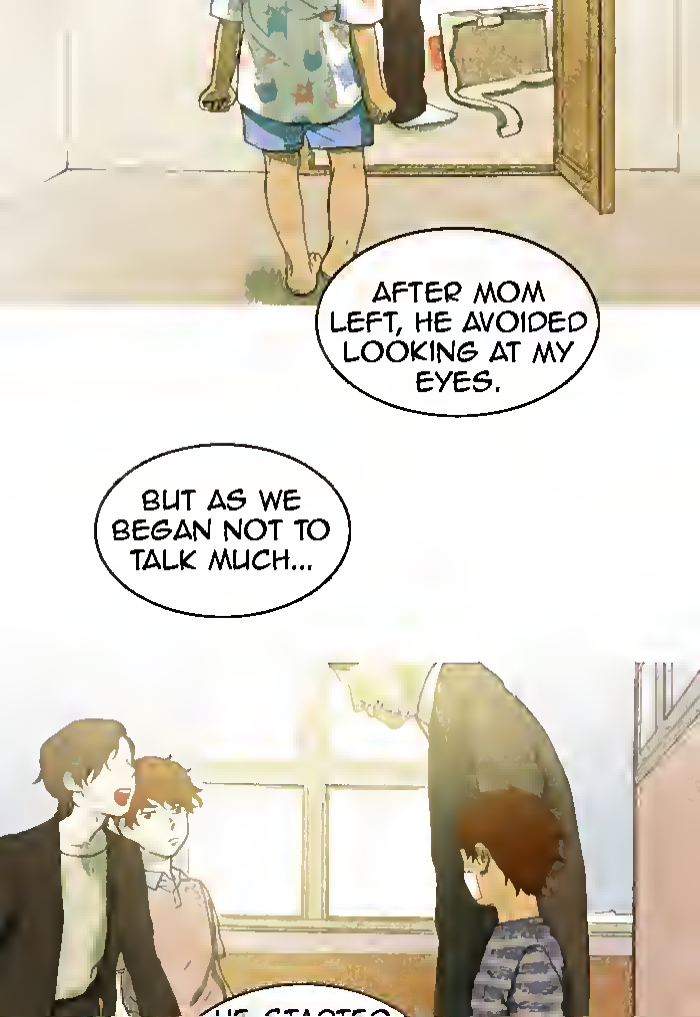
THINKING THAT MOTHER MIGHT LIKE IT WHEN SHE COMES BACK.

...SURELY, I COULDN'T EARN THE AMOUNT OF MONEY SHE WANTED ANYWAYS...

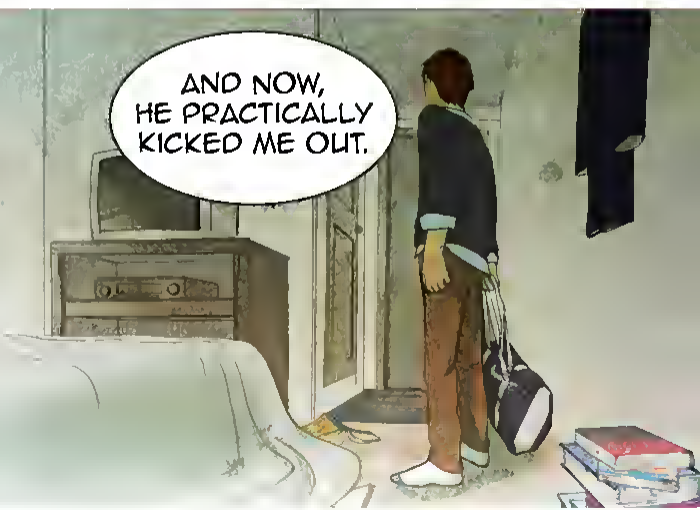

..THE REASON I STOLE YOUR MAGIC BALL..

WAS BECAUSE I THOUGHT MAYBE MY MOM WOULD COME BACK IF I HAD SUCH POWER JUST LIKE YOURS.


...EVENTUALLY MY DAD FOUND OUT WHAT I WAS DOING, BUT I DIDN'T STOP.
SO, I BOUNCED AROUND SCHOOLS AND MANAGED TO GRADUATE.


AFTER MOM LEFT, HE AVOIDED LOOKING AT MY EYES.
BUT AS WE BEGAN NOT TO TALK MUCH...

HE STARTED NOT TO PAY ANY ATTENTION EVEN WHEN I CAUSED TROUBLE EVERYWHERE.



I DON'T KNOW WHAT I SHOULD EXPECT OR WHAT I'M WAITING FOR.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M GOOD AT OR WHAT I LIKE.

AND NOW, MY LIFE IS AT STAKE.

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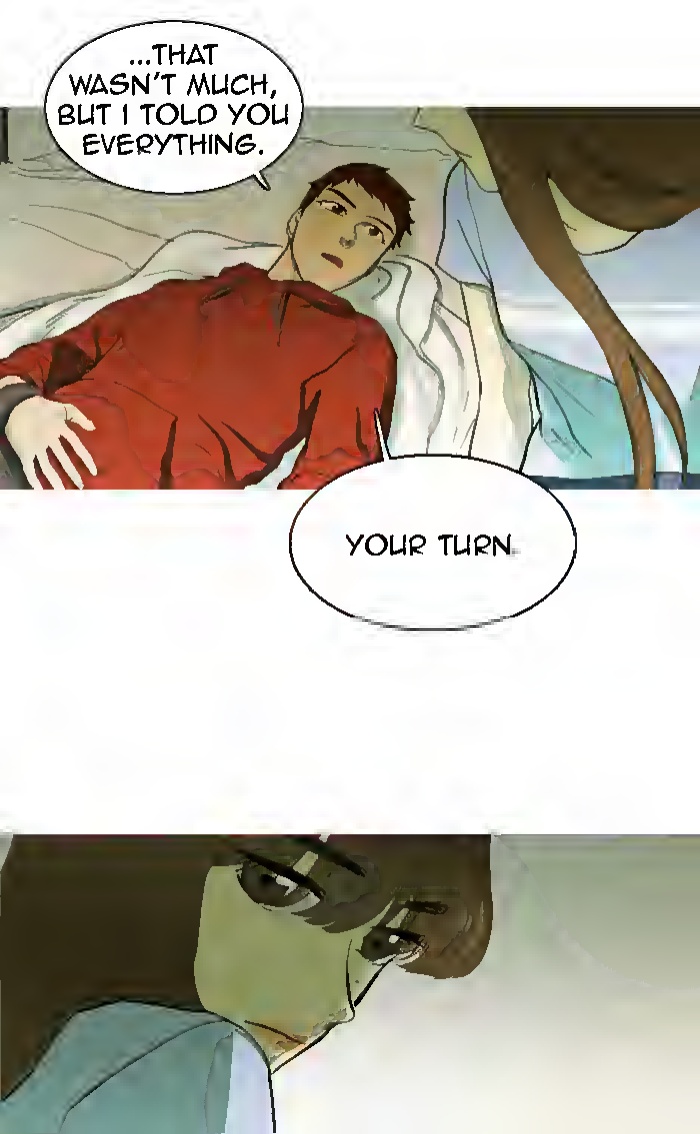
SQUEAK_


...THAT WASN'T MUCH, BUT I TOLD YOU EVERYTHING.
YOUR TURN.

WHAT'S YOUR SECRET YOU WANT TO HIDE?

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'WITCHES ARE BORN
IN BETWEEN PEOPLE'S

WISH AND LONGINGS.'

"I DON'T WANT TO BE SICK,"

"WE WANT TO WIN THIS WAR."

"I WANT REVENGE."

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The Witch Hunt

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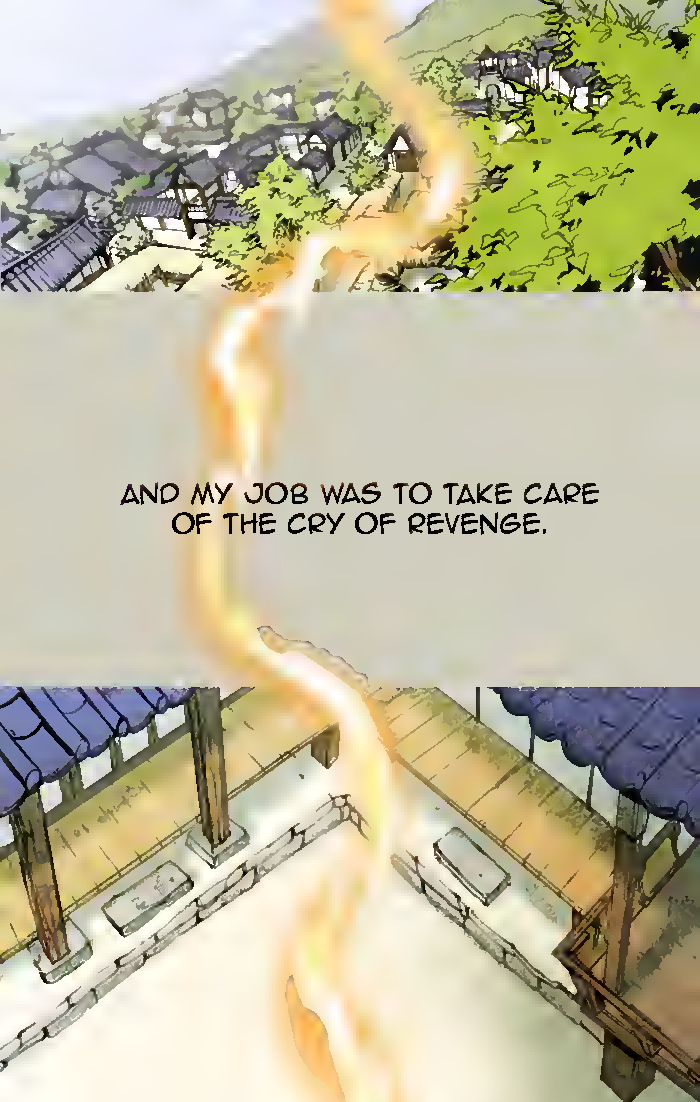
AMONGST NUMEROUS WISHES,
I WAS BORN WITH THE DESIRE FOR
REVENGE.

I GREW UP LIVING OFF THAT REVENGE.

AND I HAD TO KEEP
MY EARS OPEN EVERYDAY,


AND MY JOB WAS TO TAKE CARE
OF THE CRY OF REVENGE.

THAT WAS MY ETERNAL MISSION.

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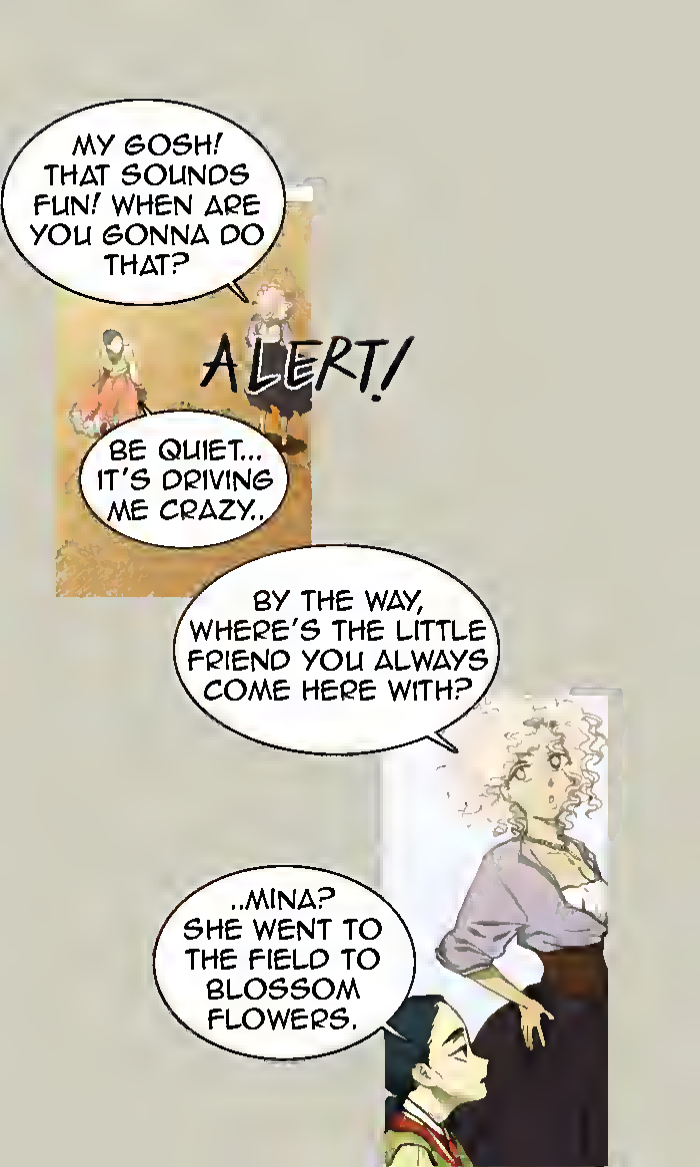
CRIES?
NOT LAUGHTER?

...ARE YOU KIDDING? I'M SERIOUS.
THEN, WHY TELL ME THAT? I'M THE WITCH OF JOKES~

...YEAH, NOIR. MY BAD.
LISTEN~ I CAN HEAR A COUPLE'S LAUGHTER EVEN NOW~ I THINK THEY ARE GOING ON A DATE TOMORROW~ THEY WISH IT DOESN'T RAIN TOMORROW!
I ONLY HEAR A GIRL CRYING TO GET REVENGE ON THE GUY WHO DUMPED HER.


MY GOSH! THAT SOUNDS FUN! WHEN ARE YOU GONNA DO THAT?
ALERT!
BE QUIET... IT'S DRIVING ME CRAZY..
BY THE WAY, WHERE'S THE LITTLE FRIEND YOU ALWAYS COME HERE WITH?
..MINA? SHE WENT TO THE FIELD TO BLOSSOM FLOWERS.

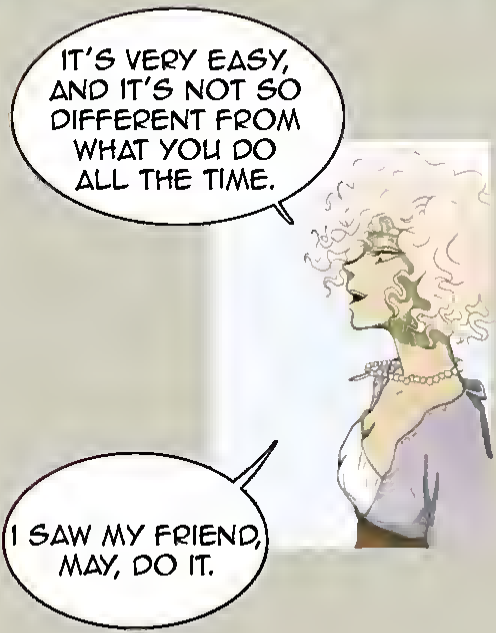
...HMM...

WELL, YOU'RE AWESOME.
YOU CAN BURN DOWN A HOUSE SO EASILY, HUH?

....SURI.
I HAVE A WAY OUT. ARE YOU INTERESTED?

NOT REALLY.
...A WAY TO MUTE THE SOUNDS.

...!


IT'S VERY EASY, AND IT'S NOT SO DIFFERENT FROM WHAT YOU DO ALL THE TIME.
I SAW MY FRIEND, MAY, DO IT.

COME FIND ME IF YOU'RE INTERESTED.
WHOOSH

I SHOULD GO TO SABOTAGE A DATE NOW~
WHOOO

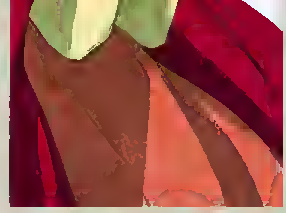
SHI

WHO

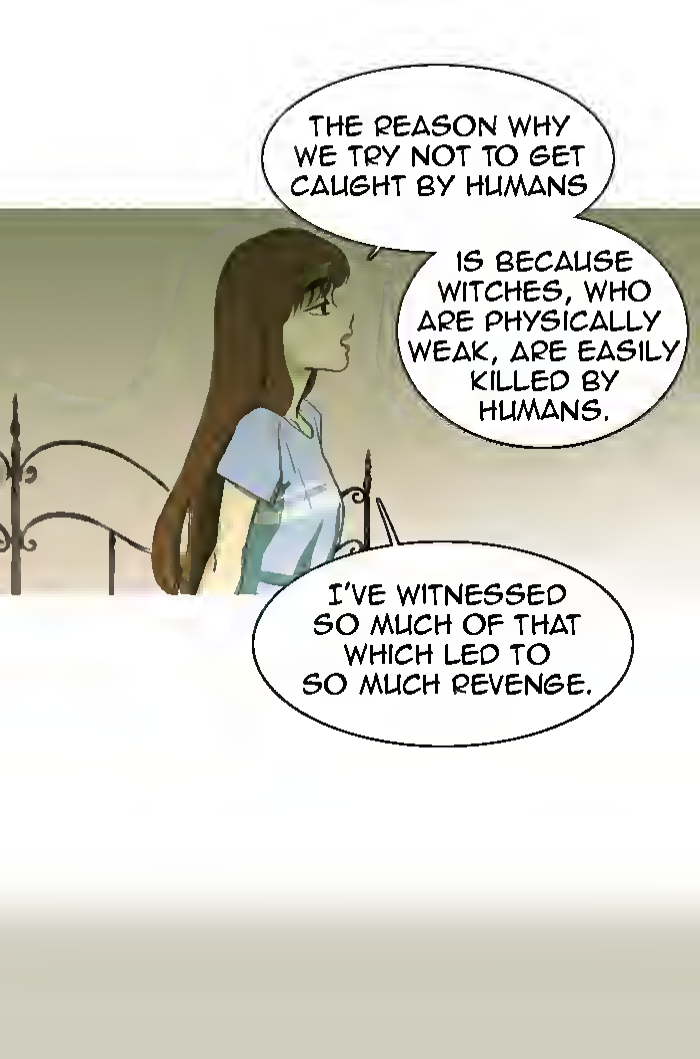
NO MATTER HOW STRONG I AM,
OR HOW MUCH I SOOTHE THEIR CRIES,

MY HEAD IS FILLED WITH TRASH
LIKE A GARBAGE CAN.

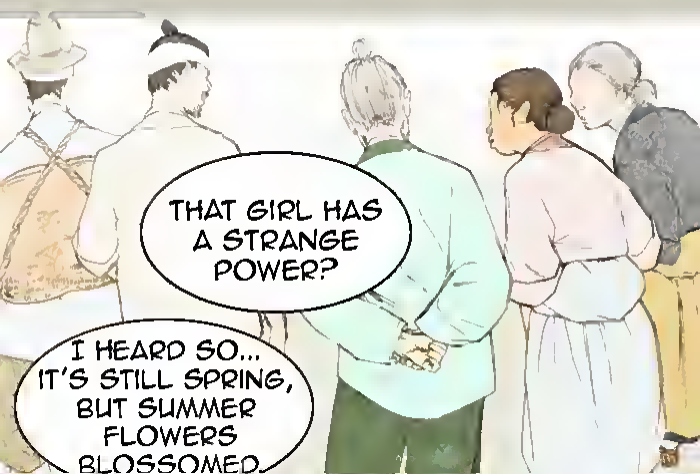
THEN, WHY WAS I GIVEN AN EGO
IN THE FIRST PLACE?



WHY AM I CREATED IN A WAY THAT
I'M ABLE TO ACKNOWLEDGE "MYSELF"?


THE REASON WHY WE TRY NOT TO GET CAUGHT BY HUMANS
IS BECAUSE WITCHES, WHO ARE PHYSICALLY WEAK, ARE EASILY KILLED BY HUMANS.
I'VE WITNESSED SO MUCH OF THAT WHICH LED TO SO MUCH REVENGE.

THEN, I THOUGHT...



HOW COULD THAT BE...?

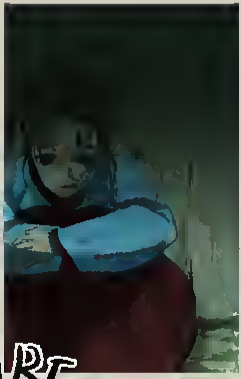
IF I COULD ALSO HEAR LAUGHTERS,

IF I COULD WISH
FOR SOMEONE'S HAPPINESS,

SHE EVEN STEALS?
TSK TSK... SHE LOOKED SO YOUNG. THEY SHOULD LET HER GO...

WHAT NOIR TOLD ME WAS QUITE EASY.
IT WAS WHAT I DID EVERYDAY.

BOO
BOO
HOO..
BOO..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SURI... IT'S YOU, RIGHT? I'M HERE!!
SSH!
SAVE ME..!!

TZZZ..

TZZZZT

ABSORB HER MEDIUM,

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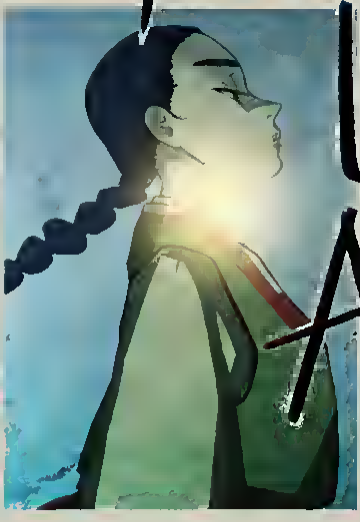

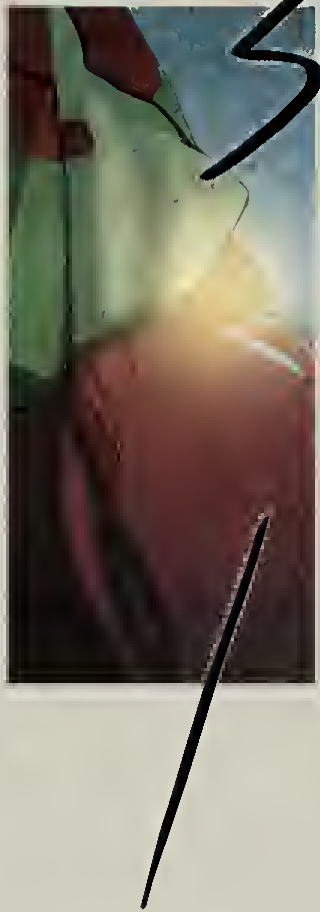
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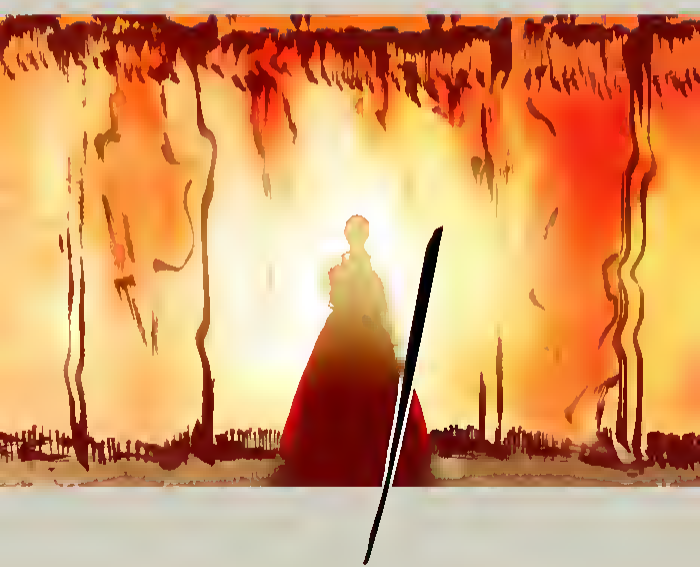
AND KILL.



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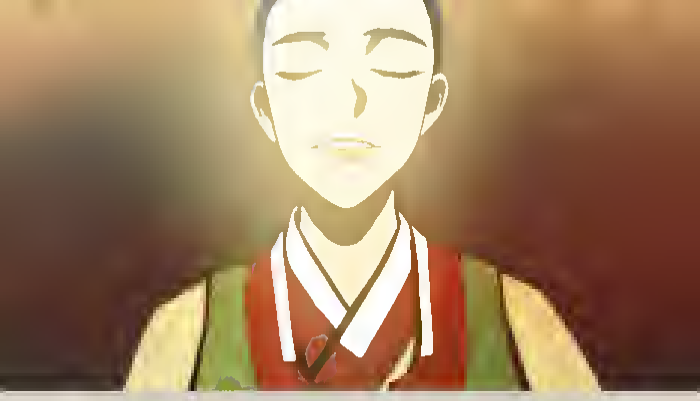
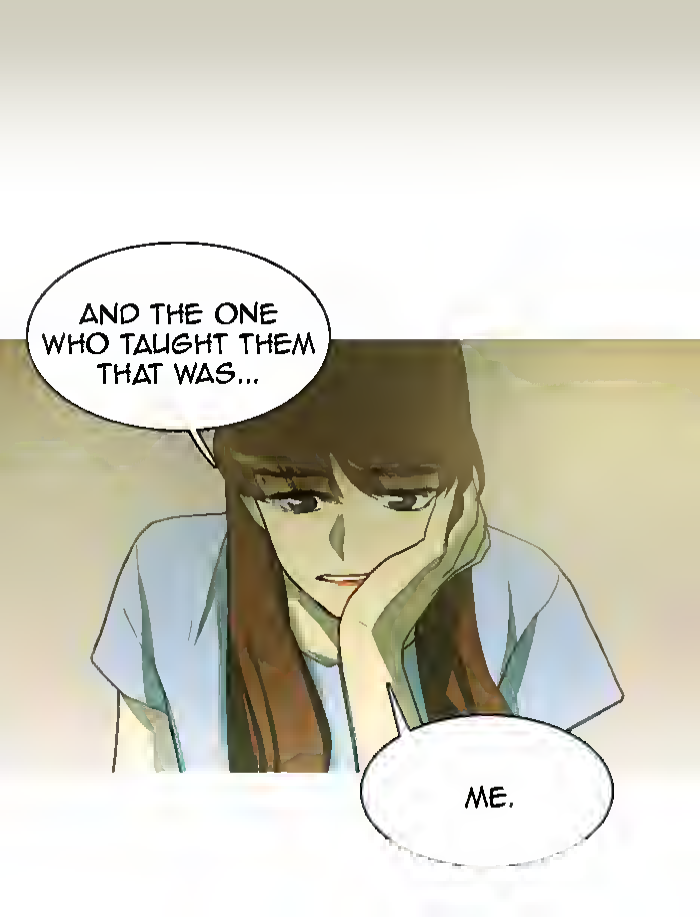


AH,

I CAN HEAR IT.

THE REASON DEMONS ARE AFTER THE WITCH'S MARBLE,
IS BECAUSE SOMEONE GAINED SOMETHING WITH IT.

THE SOUND OF LAUGHTER.


AND THE ONE WHO TAUGHT THEM THAT WAS...
ME.

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